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INTRODUCTION.

TO resume the brief sketch of the history of the Company. The Pewterers, in common with the other City Companies, were obliged to provide a store of wheat to be sold to the poor at ordinary prices in times of scarcity. The Company kept their supply in a granary or "garnet," which formed part of the Hall premises. The corn being a perishable article had frequently to be sold off at any price obtainable and a new supply purchased. On some occasions the Company contracted with a baker to relieve them of their obligation by supplying the necessary quantity of corn on their receipt of a precept from the Lord Mayor.

The custom of requiring new brethren to present a silver spoon and the officers of the Yeomanry to give silver bowls or nests of cups provided the Company with a goodly store of plate, but this began to disappear as early as the close of Elizabeth's reign, when it became necessary to sell plate to comply with the royal demands for financial aid. Hawkers and pedlars proved a source of constant trouble to the Company, in spite of the severe penalties laid upon them by statutes and other ordinances.

Many references occur to the registration of makers' marks or touches at Pewterers' Hall, and the periodical inventories of the Company's goods show that touch-plates existed at an early date, probably from the beginning of the sixteenth century. Only five touch-plates have

been preserved, the earliest of them dating from the middle of the seventeenth century. These are reproduced in facsimile at the end of the present volume. Although the minutes of the Court of Assistants abound with applications for permission to alter a touch or to take that of a deceased master, a widow, a partner, etc., no book containing a register of these touches is to be found among the Company's records.

Besides exercising a strict supervision over the quality and workmanship of manufactured pewter, the Company also strongly opposed all attempts on the part of the tinnerns of Cornwall and Devon to evade the Stannary Laws by adulterating tin in the Smelting House. With this view, they secured the appointment of one of their members as King's Assayer; but the relations between the Company and the Stannary authorities were frequently strained, especially when legislative action was sought for by the Company. The Company's efforts were constantly being directed to securing an abatement of the duty upon exported manufactured pewter, and an increase of the duty upon exported tin. The latter course was strongly and successfully opposed by the tinnerns of Cornwall.

Such rivalries were, however, eclipsed by the greater struggle which took place at frequent intervals for more than two centuries and a half, between the Company and the Patentees or Tin Farmers, who farmed from the Sovereign the total output of the tin mines, and fixed their own price for its sale. The Company claimed by ancient right that a large quantity, sufficient for the needs of the working members of their trade, should be supplied to them at a price below that fixed for other purchasers. These disputes occurred at frequent intervals, as the farm was granted for a very limited number of years. The expedients resorted to by either party to influence both Houses of Parliament, their Committees, and the High Officers of State, are very amusing, and occur frequently in the following pages.

The Company's method of assaying tin in 1592 is told with curious detail on pages 9-10. This may be compared with another assay taken many years later, in April, 1710, before the Officers of the Mint (pages 177-8). A curious and valuable table for detecting adulteration prepared by Mr. James Nicholson, the King's Pewterer, in August, 1730, will be found on pages 186-8.

The greatest strictness continued to be observed as to the admission of new members; indeed it was practically impossible for an outsider who had not been apprenticed to the Company in the regular way to enter its ranks. Country members of the trade, contrary to the practice of very early times, were also ineligible for membership, and London pewterers who went into the country were by that act disfranchised.

The records continue to give an interesting picture of the evolution of official diction, minutes, and method of keeping accounts. These may be studied with exactness, even to such details as punctuation and the use of capitals, as the extracts have been made with scrupulous fidelity.

The Company occasionally accepted substantial sums of money on condition of paying an annuity for one or more lives. Towards the close of Elizabeth's reign the requisitions for royal subsidies began, and continued in ever-increasing amount until the beginning of the eighteenth century. The amount payable by each Liveryman was assessed by the Court of Assistants, the contributions of the Yeomanry being left to be settled by the Master and Wardens of that body. Occasionally, as in 1594, serious disputes arose as to the method and equity of these assessments.

Another matter which figures largely was the request made for permission to fine for the various offices. This was freely granted by the Company when they were specially pressed for funds, but at other times was narrowly watched to prevent members unduly escaping the

responsibilities which properly attached to all the brethren of the Company alike. A similar source of income which could also be resorted to only at occasional intervals was the admission of new members to the Livery and of Liverymen to the Court of Assistants. Although the privileges of each of these grades were great, the burden of the fines pressed heavily upon the individuals, and many were the excuses made to be released from the obligation for a time or altogether. When the Master and Wardens failed by persuasion or threats, the offender was brought before the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen, who dealt with cases of confirmed obstinacy by imprisonment.

The number of apprentices allowed to each member formed from the earliest times an important article in the Company's regulations, and underwent continual alteration down to a late period. The high rate of interest is very noticeable during the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, so much as 10 per cent. being frequently paid by the Company on loans which they took up. Many illustrations occur of the strictness with which the Company watched over the secrets of pewter manufacture, forbidding members of the trade under severe penalties to employ outsiders or even permit them to see the operations carried on in their business.

Melancholy evidence occurs of the ravages of the plague in its frequent visitations, not only in 1665, but in the scarcely less severe pestilences of 1603 and 1625. A curious family quarrel occurred in 1603, when Mr. Thomas Elliott, Master of the Company, was removed by his colleagues from that position, and retaliated by refusing to approve various items in the accounts when he was one of the auditors two years later. The prohibition to buy and sell in fairs or markets, either themselves or by their servants, was strictly enforced upon all the members of the Company, not excepting those who had filled the highest offices.

The Pewterers took their part with other Companies in the royal and civic pageants, but their attendance in their stands and in the

procession on Lord Mayor's Day became somewhat irregular towards the beginning of the eighteenth century, for which they were more than once called to account by the Court of Aldermen. They had a state barge, and hired a barge-house jointly with the Haberdashers' Company at Fulham, under a lease from the Archbishop of Canterbury. The bargemaster received a small sum annually as a retaining fee, and was also paid for his services whenever the Company went on the water.

Whiffers were appointed from among the Yeomanry to go before the Livery and clear a way for the procession through the streets. The beadle provided favours in great profusion, the sum of 3*l.* and more being often spent upon ribbons. Later in the day the Company dined at their Hall, the entertainment being provided at the expense of stewards appointed in turn for that purpose from among the Livery, the whiffers acting as servers and waiting on the company.

Admission to the Company's freedom by patrimony continued to bring in a small number of persons of both sexes who were not connected with the trade. A remarkable instance occurred in 1611 of the choice of an outsider for the important position of Master of the Company. This was the Reverend Dr. John Wood, who was the rector of the neighbouring church of St. Dionis Backchurch. So great was the Company's regard for their worthy rector that they elected him again as their Master in 1617.

The lists of wares, with their standard weights, which occur from time to time in these records, give curious information as to the different objects made of pewter, and the technical names by which they were known at various periods. Such a list will be found on pages 61-64, and others follow.

Pewter ware was not long lived. This was owing to the softness of the metal, which bore the marks of any blow, cut, or fall. Perhaps, too, fashions in design or make speedily changed. At all events, the melting

down and re-casting of old pewter was almost as common as the making of new, and the prices fixed by the Company always included the rate of exchanging new for old. Thus, in March, 1615, the price of sadware was fixed at 10½*d.* per pound, and the rate of exchange at 2*d.* The scarcity of old pewter need not, therefore, occasion any surprise.

Among the punishments for makers of bad ware was that of striking a new touch with the addition of the current year. Occasionally, as happened on 7th March, 1612, the whole trade was ordered to bring their touches to the Company's Hall for alteration or additions. In gross cases of fraud the offender was summarily sent to prison at the Compter. For assistance on this and other occasions, such as Searches at Bartholomew Fair and elsewhere, the services of one of the Lord Mayor's sergeants was retained for the Company by an annual salary.

There appear to have been many separate branches of the Pewterer's trade, such as Hammermen, Triflers or makers of toys, Spoonmakers, Hollow-waremen, Sadwaremen, etc. There were also the Coppersmiths or Founders, who formed a separate organisation, with rules for their government ordained by the Court of Aldermen, but without a formal constitution such as that which the Yeomanry possessed. Their trade, too, was apparently confined to brass and copper. It might have been expected that they would have been under the control of the Company of Armourers and Brasiers rather than that of the Pewterers. See the minute of 10th September, 1657, where a proposal for the Coppersmiths "going off from us" is mentioned.

The Company continued their attendance at St. Paul's on the usual fixed occasions during the year, as well as on Days of Humiliation and Thanksgiving. They also attended the preaching at Paul's Cross until its destruction by the Commonwealth in 1643.

Innovations in manufacture were sternly repressed, including "engines" or other contrivances for superseding manual labour, gilding

pewter, and the manufacture of pewter of any new sort like *Silvorum*. A strict control was exercised over members of the Company of every grade; in 1629 one of the members was expelled from the Court of Assistants and the Livery, and an apprentice who had "unseemly haire" was ordered to have it cut off.

Very little light is thrown upon the common practice among pewterers of striking the mark "proper to the Goldsmiths," as it was not an offence against their own Company, and the practice seems to have been a very general one. It occasioned a stringent order from the Court of Aldermen in March, 1635.

The Quarterage, a small sum payable quarterly by every member of the Company, was farmed by the Beadle, who received the gross amount, paying the Company the sum of 9*l.* yearly. Besides the gifts which the Company themselves offered, such as orange pies, sugar loaves, march-pains, etc., to High State and Civic Officials, they in their turn received gifts. It became a custom, and in time an obligation, for the tenants to make presents on the grant of a new lease; a fat buck, or (in the case of a confectioner) a march-pain, yearly at the Master's Feast, and a pair of gloves to each of the Assistants when the lease was granted.

About the year 1654, the separate organisation of the Yeomanry began to disappear through the increasing unwillingness of the Livery to undertake the expensive and purely formal posts of Master and Wardens of that body. The authority of the Court of Aldermen was invoked by the Court, but proved insufficient to prop up what was evidently an effete institution.

Various alloys were ordered by the Company's regulations to be used in the manufacture of the different qualities of pewter. Among these were "tin-glass," "cloff," and "peak," references to which constantly occur in the following pages. I am unable wholly to explain

these terms, but have selected every entry which seemed to throw light upon their meaning, and these can be brought together for comparison by the use of the index.

It is sad to note that so late as the middle of the sixteenth century the ladies of the Company continued to give trouble when invited to the entertainments at the Hall. See the minute of the 23rd September, 1658, on page 125.

The scarcity of building material immediately after the Great Fire is shown in an entry of the 10th October, 1666, on page 134. The Company lost no time in re-building their Hall, hampered though they were for funds. It will be seen from the minute of 25th February, 1667, that there is no evidence that Sir Christopher Wren was the architect of the new Hall, as is stated on modern painted tablets both in the Hall itself and in the Company's present Court Room. The designs were really prepared by two surveyors named Wildgoss and Tayler (*see* page 137), the beadle acting, as usual, as clerk of the works.

The Hall continued to be let to a dancing-master, and even occasionally to an undertaker; but on Sunday and for two other days in the week it was hired by Nonconformist congregations, who paid a rent of 30*l.* per annum.

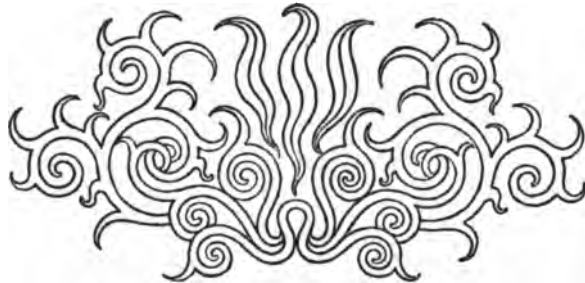
The Clothing, or Livery, was in later times taken only by men of some substance. Freemen summoned to take up their Livery were excused on swearing that they were not worth 200*l.*, in 1685 the sum was 300*l.*, and four years later 500*l.*

The trade control was first seriously weakened by the discontinuance of country searches. The country pewterers brought the trade into discredit by the inferior quality of their ware, which they persisted in marking with the word "London." The Bristol makers were notorious offenders, their "guinea basons" being a constant source of complaint. They defied the Company, who were doubtful how far their powers of

compulsion extended over the country trade. This uncertainty led them to discontinue searches at places remote from London, as these were costly and troublesome, besides the risk they involved of an action at law for trespass. The consequent deterioration of pewter having escaped the Company's control, their hold over the London trade was gradually weakened, and at last altogether ceased.

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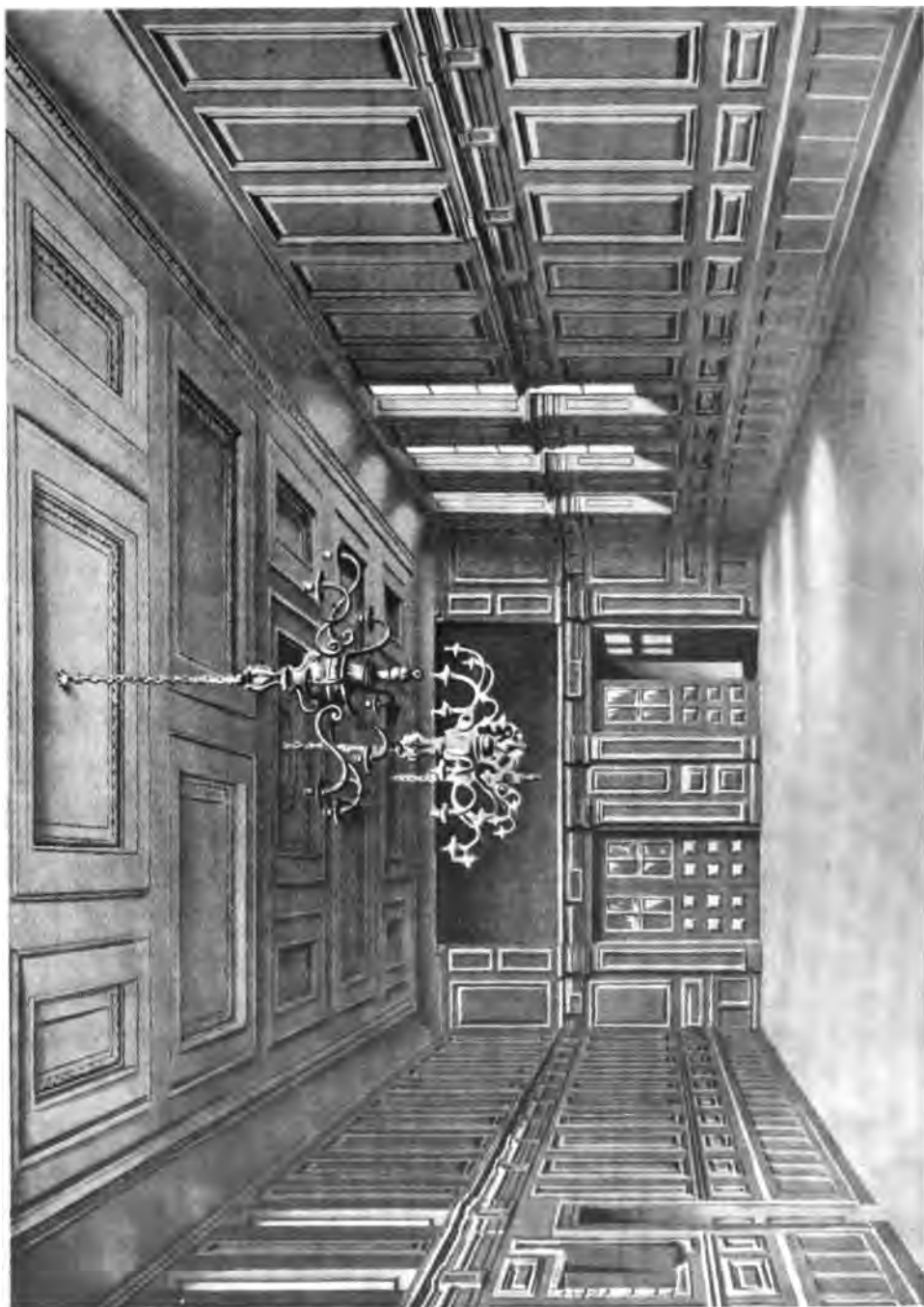
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INTERIOR OF PEWTERERS' HALL.



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CHAPTER VI.

Reign of Elizabeth. From the Armada Defeat.



DURING the long reign of Queen Elizabeth the Pewterers' Company enjoyed great and increasing prosperity. Their Hall was completely and handsomely furnished; their authority over the trade was now well settled by legislative enactment; their membership included distinguished outsiders, and two of their own body—Sir Thomas Curtis and Mr. Edward Catcher—reached the civic position of alderman. Pewter was still in general use, and the care exercised by the Company to keep the trade in the hands of its members secured a comfortable living for every thrifty workman.

1588-9. Also ther was a bargayne mad [27th April] betwyxt the company & mr Carpenter baker that for & in consyderation xxx ty quarters & fyve bushels of wheat dd vnto hyme to the valew of xxxiij li. & for other money to be dd vnto hyme to furnysh lx quarters when the company shall thynke good betwyxt this & november that then the sayed mr carpenter shall for and in consyderation of our garnet & the sayed corne shall furnysh vs wheakly in tyme convenyent furnysh the market to our vse as we shall apoynt so long as he hath the garnet or any corne of ours.

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Also there was taken a fyne [12th July] of Andrew bowyar ij s. for that he set a stranger a worke to graue vpon his pewter when that he mought haue it wrought by a brother of the companye.

At this court [15th July] it is agreed that ther shalbe a great dynnar & that the house shall allowe towardses it fyve poundes & that every man of the Lyvery shall spend iij s. iiij d. man & wyffe & that the next daye the whole clothynge shall dyne wth all the assystaunce wyves and also the court order to haue a quarter dynnar after bartelmewtyd & that the great dynnar shalbe cept the mondaye before bartelmew daye.

This order may be compared with that of 13th August, 1585. See p. 294.

Also at this court [16th September] wheras our mr & wardens at ther election dynnar wheer at such extraordinary charges that ther accoumpt dyd growe vnto iij li. xs. a man mor by xij s. iiij d. a man then hath byne by others spent In consyderation therof the house graunteth to allowe them xx s. more out of the house.

From this it seems that the charges of the election dinner, beyond the sums allowed by the "House" and contributed by members, were shared equally by the Master and his two Wardens. The cost to each was nearly three pounds.

At this court [10th October] it was by the generall consent of the company agreed that ther shud no tankerd quart pottes be made to be of lesse wayght then ij li. d [2½ lbs.] vpon payne of every potte so mad by the workman therof ij s. of money to be payed.

Also at this court [15th October] it is ordered that wheras dyvers of the company haue cyrcomvented ther brethrene in that to ther advauntage they haue mad tankerd quart pottes at ij li. a pece the inconvenyence of it beinge consydered, it is ordered that yf in case any of the companye do make the thurrendell tankerd potte at lese wayght then iij li. the tankerd quart at ij li. d the short potte at ij li. & the longe pott at j li. d that then every such workman shall paye for every such potte fyve shillyng for a fyne.

@t this court [26th November] wheras Rychard barwyck havynge byne in the country & wrought out of the cytty & retorne agayne & wrought wthout lycense of the court of assystaunce hewghe newton & Rychard saunders dyd set them a worke wthout lycensse of the court & they were fyned to paye xij d. a pece & it is ordered that Rychard barwyck shall not work no mor vntyll such tyme that he hath payde for openyng of his shope or els to worke Jorne worke.

@t this court [11th December] it is graunted vppon consyderation that mr Alderman catcher hath byne good vnto the company & at great charges in buyldynge of the galerye & that a great part of the plummers worke was done vppon the hawle as maye apere the court is agreed to paye vnto mr Alderman syxe poundes towards his charges.

A new Court minute book begins with the year 1589, and the volumes slightly overlap.

Itm payed ffor makynge of the fframe set vp when her maiesty came to pawles deale bourdes quarters nayles caryage to & frome stoffe torches whiffelers staves & a wach to wayght vppon it many dayes
ij li. xij d.

Itm payed vnto mr carpenter xix li. xs. of money & also xxxj & one quarters vij bushels of wheat vppon w^{ch} delyvery the sayed mr capenter is endebted vnto the house as may apeere by his oblygation & covenantes lx quarters of corne to be delyvered accordyngly
xix l. xs.

Itm spent at the taverne when as the bargayne was fynyshe & wrytynges sealed vij s.

Itm payed ffor the glasyng of the bowlyng alley ij s.

Itm payed ffor a new Journall booke ij s. vj d.

Itm payed ffor mendyng the patten boxe & makynge the lock & the key
xxij d.

@n Inventory off all thynges in pewterers hall taken the xxvijth of September 1589.

This inventory occupyes six folios at the beginning of the Minute Book No. 22, 1589-1611. A few of the items follow.

In the longe parler

Itm ij longe tables wth ther frames
 Itm ij old Joyned formes
 Itm v formes of the yeomandryes guyft
 Itm a longe Carpet of grene clothe
 Itm xij grene Cushins
 Itm a booke of ordynaunces w^{ch} had the Crose

In the hall

Itm a frame wherin is wrytten acomendation of loue & Justyce.

In the kytchene

Itm a brase potte wayinge lxxxxvli
 Itm a great brase panne
 Itm a scomer & ladell of lattyn
 Itm a gryddyorne of ix rybbes
 Itm iij spyttes & ij payer of Iorne Rackes
 Itm ij Iorne Covers for the ovens
 Itm a sesterne of lead
 Itm a grene sauce mortar
 Itm ij longe tables a kytchyn bourd ij dressyng bour[ds]
 Itm ij payer of great bellowes
 Itm a great kedyng [? kneading] bourd new
 Itm a great bole of wood.

1589-90. At this court [25th January] wheras John Ashton hath attempted lawe agaynst Raffe Cowley so fare as for a small matter dyd indyt hyme & arayne hym at the sessyons wheras he mought haue had remedy befor the court of assystaunce the court for his dysobedyence hath fyned hyme to paye vnto the house x s. & farther they do Juge & determyne that they shall make vnto one & the other a generall quyttaunce one vnto the other ffor all matters ffrō the begynnyng of the world vnto this daye & in open court they dyd set to ther handes vnto this quyt clamyng & dyscharyng one ane nother of all matters frō the begynnyng of the world vnto this daye

Raffe Cowles marke

Jhon Ashton

The Company granted [26th February] the tenancy of their house in Gregory Alley to Thomas Phillipps, fishmonger, in place of "goodwyffe gardner, who ffor her evell behavyor is by the alderman of the ward comaunded to voyd out of her house." At the Court of 7th May following the Company agreed to remit half a year's rent owing by Mrs. Gardener if she "quyetly depart the house."

At this court [19th March] wheras the xjth of december mr alderman Catcher mad a demaund that the house wold consyder the lose that he had in buyldyng the garnet & also that he dyd the plummers worke vppon the hawle wher vppon the plummers byll amountyng vnto xj^{li} viijs. it was requested by mr alderman at a court held the xjth of december to consyder of it & they the court gaue vnto mr alderman vj^{li} in consyderation of it synce w^{ch} tyme mr alderman found hyme selfe greved it was put agayn to be determyned by the boxe & aballes w^{ch} the lot fell balle for balle. then our mr gaue his balle & confermed mr alderman to haue but vj^{li} & so ended.

At this court [28th October] ffrauncys parkes & James mathers have put vnto the court whether they haue offended or not in packyngge xl C of straks wthout search.

Be off mr Carpentar ffor his yeres rent of the garnet or corne lofte in pewterers hawle iiij li.

Receuede of John gode Isaake tucker thomas donnyng henry deuxley Rychard glover & Rychard Ethell being taken into the livery towards the buyldyng of the ovens xj li.

Itm payed vnto w^m bromley & to mr allen bedels ther hole yeres wages vj li.

Itm payed vnto mr typpar & his man ffor his release vnto the house tuchyng the graunt he had geven hyme ffrō the prynce of conceyled chauntery landes lv s.

Itm payed vnto the poore of alhallowes the offerynge of the whole companye at the yeomandres ffeast ij s. vj d.

Itm payed ffor balles ffor thelection boxe xvij d.

Itm spent one the wayghors of corne at newgat market xij d.

Itm payed vnto the kyng of harroldes ffor takyng vewe of the armes of the house v s.

1590-1. *At* this court [14th January] it is ordered that wheras Andrew bowyar hath herto fore byne admonysshed for settinge a worke a woman to graue vppon his pewter contrary to the ordynaunce of the house & hath payed his fyne for it at this court he is charged agayne for the lyke offence & now he is adiuged to paye v s. for a fyne & yf ever he be found to do the lyke then he shall paye the vtmost of the fyne w^{ch} is iij li.

At this court [21st June] ther was presented a precept frō my L maior that the company accordyng to the precept shuld disburse lx li of lawfull money of England towards the settinge forth of syxe shipes & a pynnes [pinnacle], the compayney doth agre that the corne in the house shuld be sold at xxiiij s. a quarter & that ther shuld be sold iiij dosen of sylver sponnes out of the house to make vp this some of 60 li. [Note arabic numerals.]

Also at this court ther was geven vnto the wardens of the black-smithes towards ther charges in seekyng to suprese the lorne men in hawkyng abroad the some of fyve shillynges.

At this court [12th July] it was condeseuted & agreed that the foundations of the hall shuld be leaded for defense agaynst the raygne.

Also at this court [19th November] thomas wood the yongar being chosen warden of the yeomandry was fyned to pay iij li at or befor mydsomer next & so to be dyscharged of the wardenshippe of the yeomandry and also he is accepted to be of the lyvery & to make his pvition for the same before mydsomer next.

At this court [23rd December] Rychard glover was ffyned for that he sold ane old sesterne w^{ch} he bought ffor old mettall he was fyned to paye ij s. vj d.

Be a fyne of Rychard staple ffor boastyng his wares to be better the other mens iij s. iiij d.

Be ffor 200 of Connpowder sold vnto the comyttes for the pvition of the shippes viij li. vj s. viij d.

Be ffor iiij dosen of sylvar sponnes agreed by the court to be sold waying lxxviij ounces at iiij s. xd. the ounce amountynge vnto xvij li. xvij s.

Item spent vppon bartelmew daye our search dynnar at the marmayd at aldersgat xxix s. iiij d.

Item payed ffor a pulley & a cord to hange the lantorne one iiij d.

This was the centre light in the Great Hall.

Item payed ffor ij close stole pannes to remayne in the house for samples of workmanship iiij s. viij d.

1591-2. **@t** this court [30th January] by the generall consent of the whole companye it was agreed that no man shall buy & sell wth John sharpe lat the aprentys of hewghe newton who dwelleth at this present in salsburry who occupyeth our trad contrary to the statutes of the land.

The following regulations affecting the Pewterers' and other Companies are entered in the City's records (Letter Book AB, fol. 50b) under date of 4th March, 33 Elizabeth.

@bstract of Ordinances at the request of Pewterers, Armorers, & others against buyers & sellers of old iron, &c.

Item for as much as the Masters & Wardens of the several Companies of the Pewterers, Armorers, Cutlers, Blacksmiths, "Plomers" Founders & Spurriers had informed the Court that for a long time there had been & were a greater number of "yale persones lewdlye disposed" who under colour of selling old iron, lead, tin, brass, "male," harness, swords, daggers, "heare and woll" & such like things, were no better than common receivers, pilfering Servants & others & robbing purloining & stealing other men's goods, and notwithstanding that order was taken for reformation thereof on the 15th March in the time of the Mayoralty of Sir Wolstan Dixie, for want of sufficient authority to execute the same, the evil had increased, and offenders had escaped punishment. It was therefore ordered and decreed that from thenceforth it should not be lawful for any person to hawke in the streets any of the things aforesaid upon pain of being committed to ward in one of the Compters of the City by any of the Masters Wardens or Fellowships of the aforesaid Companies, there to remain till he should find a sufficient surety before the Lord Mayor not to offend afterwards in the like. It was further ordered & enacted that every Constable & Beadle of the City should be aiding & assisting for the due execution of the said order upon pain of being committed to ward by the Lord Mayor on information

given unto his Lordship by any of the said Masters Wardens or Fellowships of the said Companies, there to remain during the pleasure of the Lord Mayor & Court of Aldermen of the City for the time being.

Also ther was geven in charyty [16th March] vnto John Nashe our butler beinge very syke to releve hyme wthall vj s. viij d.

At [22nd June] of Walter vaghan for being absent at iij warnynges of the bedell xij d.

Wheras [5th October] John backhouse hath byne alonge tyme acommon hawker about london not only to forstall the brethrene of the company, but also a deceypt vnto the quenes subiectes, the sayed John bachouse vppon consyderation of v. s. of money geven hyme at this court to buy hyme tooles to work to get his lyvyng wth all, the sayed John backhouse & also John boswell cytozen & carpenter of london do stand bound in tenne pounds vnto our soveraygne lady the quene vppon this condition that the sayed John backhouse shall never hereafter vse the trad of hawkyng In pformance of the same they haue both hervnto set to ther handes. J.B. John bachouse.

Also it is ordered & graunted [8th November] vnto Edward harper to haue the cepynge of the bowlyng alley so longe as he lyveth & also the dwellynge in the house lat in the possession of wyddowe bromley payinge therfore vijli vjs. viij d. a yere & also that the sayed Edward harper shall not clame no wages hertofor payed vnto the former bedels & that the sayed Edward shall fre the company of incomberaunces w^{ch} shall or may happen tuchyng the bowlyng Alley, And also it is farther agreed when that any of the masters of the assystaunce shall for ther recreation, play or recreat them selves in the bowlyng Alley that they shall do it frely.

At this court [16th November] wheras that hertofor the saye of our laye hath contynewed alonge tyme iij or iiij graynes worse then the saye & also that some of our false brethrene haue mad ther laye a great deel worse xij or xiiij graynes worse then saye, the company hath mad a newe saye after xxxvjli to a hunderd of fyne mettall, now advertysment was geven vnto all the company that hereafter that all the laye w^{ch} shalbe mad shalbe made after the last saye, & at this court mr barnadyne mr hawkesford & thomas steventon they gaue ther wordes that all the old

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lay that shalbe hereafter found of ether of ther tuches found, that they will make good that laye vnto the former tuche & the owner of the old laye shall make good the rest.

The earlier order on this subject mentioned in the margin cannot be traced, as the Court minute books do not exist for the period before the year 1551.

At this court [29th November] Rychard maddoxe was fyned to paye iij s. iiij d. for oprobrious wordes agaynst Rychard staple bachelor warden in open court.

At this court it is agreed that seinge the great hynderaunce w^{ch} groweth vnto vs by the meanes of transportyng of tyne beyond the seas that we ar greatly hyndred by the same, by the consent of the court it is reffered vnto mr humerston mr hasell mr Royston mr draper mr glover mr Atmeyr or any other of the company who they will call to be assystaunt wth them, to devyse by petytion or other wayes to her maiesty & her pryvy counsaile for reformation of such abuses as shalbe devysed & that the house shall bere the charge therof.

At this court [14th December] wheras the company & dyvers of her maiestyes subiectes haue byne greatly deceved by cartayne false tyne mad contrary to the lawes of the stanery & forfayted by the lawes of the land by the full consent of this court it is ordered that a seador of such tyne shalbe mad & that the house shall beare such charge as shall growe thereon.

And also wheras one mr Robertes of truro hath casted bares not only to defraud the quene both of her quynage & custome of her maiesty contrary to the statutes of the lande in workyng in atrad not browght in, therfor to suppress hyme frome his dealyng the court doth order that the house shall bere the charge inshuyng to suppress hyme.

The following six entries are found on two leaves at the end of Court minute book 22, 1589-1611. They give some curious particulars as to the Company's method of assaying in the year 1592.

A seador [seizure] mad the 15 of december 1592 & in the xxxvth yere of the raygne of the quenes maiesty Elizabeth etc.

Item seased in the handes of m^r Edward palmer haberdasher one blocke of Cornysh tynne of the nombere 18 wayinge 5 - 3 - 0 the w^{ch} pece of tynne befor the prayzers of the exchequer ther was ij^{li} of the sayed tynne was melted & ther was found in the sayed ij^{li} xv ounces of drose w^{ch} wold not rune out of the ladell, the tyne was assayed the ij^d of ffebruary in the presence of m^r wood our m^r m^r warden meare m^r norton m^r draper m^r Atmeyer & m^r hawkesford & mauryce pellitory valued & prayzed at xxx s. the hunderd.

Also the ij^d of ffebruary wheras the day & yere aboue wrytten ther was a seador mad of one blocke of tynne in the handes of master modye of the number of 15 wayinge 3 - 0 - 10, of the w^{ch} pece ther wase ij^{li} melted & in ij^{li} ther was iiij ounces & a halfe w^{ch} wold not rune out of the ladell prayzed at xxxvj s. the hunderd I saye xxxvj s. the C.

Also the 15 of december seased in the handes of thomas barwycke in breedstreet one pece of tyne of the number 14 wayinge 3 - 3 - 1 of the w^{ch} ij^{li} of tynne was melted the second of february & in ij^{li} ther was xvij ounces w^{ch} wold not Rune out of the ladell valued & prayzed at xxvj s. viij d. the hundred.

Also ther was seased in the handes of thomas barwycke the 15 of december one pece of tyne of the number 27 wayinge 1 - 0 - 14 of the w^{ch} ther was ij^{li} melted the ij^d of february and in ij^{li} ther was found xiiij ounces w^{ch} wold not Rune out of the ladell valued & prayzed at xxxiiij s. iiij d.

A seador of tyne mad the xxiiijth of february 1592 taken ffro m^r Roystone two blocks of tynne no 34 wayinge 4 - 1 - 10 no 30 wayinge 3 - 3 - 12 off the pece no 30 ther was melted iiij^{li} d q^{ter} & of that ther was j^{li} iij q^{ters} w^{ch} wold not rune out of the ladell, & the hard mettall being melted agayne iij q^{ters} of a pound so that after iij tymes meltyng of the sayed tyne ther was ij ounces wasted & one pound of drose of no valewe.

Recueude off Arthur needam ffor a whole yeres rent dewe at mydsomer
v li. xiiij s. iiij d.

Re off william hobson for a quarters of the same house as apereth
by xxviiij s. iiij d.

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at xxx s. the
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This was the "Mitre" tavern, or "Hobson's," which was frequently the scene of the Company's convivial gatherings.

J^m payed vnto the precher a reward at our election daye vjs. viij d.

@t this account it is agreed that the aforsayed pensionars shall haue hereafter ijs. vj d. the quarter w^{ch} amounteth the two yeres xx s. a man & farther the court addeth one other pensyonar howell phyllypes to the lyke xx s. toe yere by ijs. vj d. the quarter. [Yeomanry Accounts.]

@lso it is graunted vnto davy Rychardson to be geven by mr warden wheatly to comfort hyme in his poverty vjs. viij d. [Yeomanry Accounts.]

1592-3. **@t** this court [20th March] it is ordered that all the company shall set ther tuches vppon a new plat & that they shall paye ij d. a pece & one penny to the clarke & ane other to the bedell.

@t this court [30th April] ther was red vnto the whole company tuchyng that all howsholders shall governe ther servauntes & howsold accordyng vnto the precept sent fro my L maior dated the xxvjth of Apryll.

In order still further to suppress hawkers the whole Company promised at this Court, under a penalty of five pounds for default, to "serve no ware to any man who they knowe be hawkers or mayntaner of hawkers."

@t this court [3rd May] it is graunted vnto John wansworth cooke when it shall please god to call maister sadler our cooke to his mercy, that the sayed mr wansworth shall haue the servyce of the company servyng vs well & in such order as mr sadler doth now serve vs.

@t thys court the corne in the house was sold vnto lewes Randall contaynyng ix quarters & a halfe at xvij s. the quarter amountyng vnto viij li. x s.

@t this court [15th June] M^r Raffe Jodrell Jentelman after that when he shalbe mad freman of London by the consent of the court he shalbe fre of the company of pewterers & the court shall & wyll except hyme to be a brother of our company, & also hee shall haue the place of M^r Nixon his predessor vpon [payment of 40*l.*, besides the usual gifts].

Nixon's position on the Livery was thirteenth below the last member of the Court of Assistants. On what ground Jodrell succeeded him is not clear; he may have taken over Nixon's business.

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At this court it is graunted vnto mr steward to be our tennaunt in our gallery in the hawle & he shall paye frō midsomer next iij li a yere & he shall haue the vse of it these x yerres to his owen vse & his wyffe & not to let it nor set it, wthout our consentes.

At this court [21st June] ther was presented vnto the whole company a standyng cuppe duble guylt waying 32 ounces of the guyft of mr Rycharde hustwayght deseased geuen to the wardens of the yomandry & to ther successors to be vsed at all there dynnars & at all ther choyses of wardens, for A remembra[?] for ever of his good will.

At a court held the vth of July, 1593. wheras S^r walter Rawley hath sent his lettar vnto the company in the behalfe of mr gyffard who predendeth a sut vnto her maiesty that no tyne shuld not be shipped out of the land but in bares & other wayes, the court apoynteth syxe men of the lyvery & ij of the yomandry to set forth the order to Awnswer S^r waters lettar, & also to compound wth mr gyfford in all matters w^{ch} shalbe shued for it. is ordered that baptyst hassell Ambrose Roystone Raffe Jodrell Rycharde glover w^m Atmeyr w^m parrat w^m trotter & richard maddox that they shall geve awnswer vnto Sir walter & determyne & set downe Artycles & covenantes betwyxt mr gyffard & the company, pryvdyed that vj or iiij of them may yf the other be absent may go forward in the buysnes & when they haue determyned any thyng to make the assystaunce pryvye of ther doinges, & also that court agreeth that yf they spend any money in this matter it shalbe at the charge of the house.

This was the age of monopolies, and the Livery Companies found it useless to oppose the grantees. The Pewterers' Company wisely approached the Crown, and also came to terms with the patentee.

At of mr warden meare [10th July] in part of payment of his peece of tynne, xx s. the w^{ch} money was payed at the fleet parcel of xlvijth payed in part of payment of the purchase of ij howses in canwyke street bought of mrs holstocke.

This payment was made at the Fleet, where Mr. Warden Meare was confined, probably for some offence committed in his official position.

¶ ther was receved [14th July] of mr henry Roe tresurer for the goodes of the companyes of London out of the carect in part of payment of our part xxviij li. viij s. the w^{ch} money was also payed at the fleet vppon the purchase of the sayed howses.

There were three other payments amounting in all to 101*l.* 1*s.*, which was the Pewterers' Company's share of the "carect." This was no doubt a prize taken by the ships fitted out by the City Companies. Letters of mark were granted to the citizens by Charles I in 1624, when they furnished him with a supply of ships, and a similar grant may have been made on this occasion. The City had lately (June, 1591) furnished six ships and a pinnace. See page 6 *ante*.

¶ this court [15th August] w^m Cornhyll lat the aprentys of mauryce pellytory was set over vnto thomas steventon, the consyderation wherof as foloweth wheras mauryce pellytory being decayed & fallen into poverty & these xvij monthes hath not had to set his man a worke the court therfor set hyme over vnto thomas steventon & that the court Juggeth thomas steventon to paye vnto mauryce pellytory liij s. iiij d. at mychelmas next xxvj s. viij d. & so vj s. viij d. a q^{ter} vntyll it be payed.

¶ this court [24th September] accordyng to ane Ancyent order it is agreed that the mr & wardens of the yomandry shall cepe no great dynnar but a small metyng to spend xx s. a pece & to call vnto them xx^{ty} or xxx^{ty} of the auncient of the yomandry when they shall make ther election & also they shall paye vnto the craftes boxe xl s. a pece.

¶ this court [16th November] it is graunted vnto the person of St deonys to haue geven hyme viij s. for a benevolence for ij yeres past iiij s. a yere & so to contynewe so longe as the paryshe doth contynewe ther benyvolence towards the person over & aboue ther tythes.

¶ a court held the xxiiijth of december wheras the company hath entered certayne composyons wth mr gyfford tuchynge A shut vnto the quenes maiesty that no tyne shuld be convayed out of the land but in bares, & that ffor the furtheraunce of the sayed shut the company by consent thynketh convenyent that A letter shalbe derected ffrō the body of the company to Sir ffrauncys godolphyn & others in cornwell for the furtheraunce of the sayed shut, it is condesented & agreed that baptyst

hassell shall carry the sayed letter & ther take such concayle wth tynnars in the behalfe of the company & that the house shall geve vnto baptyst hassell for his recompence of his travayle & charge xx^{li} of lawfull money of England.

The following petition to Queen Elizabeth is entered at the end of the Book of Inventories. It is undated, but is evidently the "Shut unto the quenes maiesty" referred to above.

In all humblenes shewed vnto your most excelent maiesty your hyghnes dewtyful subiectes the mr wardens & felowshype of the auntyent company of the pewterers of london wth ther famyles to the number of ij thowsand psons, that wheras they haue byne long tyme incorporat by gracyous graunt of your maiesty & your nobell pgenytors, & haue & do beare & sustayne great charges as well to your pgenytors as to your hyghnes in all warres & servyces, as also to the cytty of London & ffor mayntenaunce of the sayed company of pewterers, w^{ch} beinge the manuall occupation lyvyng by workmanshipe of tynne a great tresur of this your realme the same comodytye hath byne & hath for the most part byne vsed to be sent vnto the cytty of London ther to be cast into barres or Ingottes or to be mad or wrought vnto pewter vessell, wherby the sayed company of pewterers of London & all other of the same occupation in England haue lyved in better sort & have byne more able to yeld & satysfye all maner of taske & talages & dweties to you maiesty & other wayes, then they now are, & wyllingly wold yf abylyty served, ffor so it is most gracyous soverayghne lady, that certayne yeres past thorowgh the lat practyce of dyvers strangers, & some Inglysh merchauntes, the best of the sayed tynne is aboundantly caryed over beyond the seas in blocks vnwrought vncast into barres or Ingottes nor mad into pewter vessell by w^{ch} occasion the benyfyt & worke of your subiectes is prevented & taken awaje, & they hertofoe lyvyng well by true labor are destytut of worke in ther occupacyon & vtterly Impoverysed wth many other Inconvenyenses and abuses to the great preiudyce of this your hyghnes weale palyk [*sic?* public or politic] & to the vndoinge of the sayed company & pertycularly to be shewed & proved, ffor due reformation wherof & for the advaancement of the same company and necessary

mayntenaunce therof, And because that all other comodytes royall arysyng & growyng wthin your hyghnes domynions are Employed for and about the setting of your subiects a worke befor the same be transported vnwrought and for that your maiesties custome by restaynte of such transportation wilbe yerely augmented as shall well apeer in sequell, It may pleese your hyghnes of your specyall grace & accustomed clemency to graunt vnto the sayed company & to ther successors, that ffrom henceforth no tynne shalbe transported in blockes but that the same tynne shalbe fyrst cast into barres & Ingottes by the sayde company or mad & wrought Into vessell of pewter by the pewterers Inhabityng wthin this realme, and they & ther successors shall dayly pray vnto god ffor the psporous preservation of your most Royall maiesty in all Royalty, health peace & felycyty long to rayghne.

℞ of Rychard Ethell w^m Allet & william Atmeyer vj d. a pece for beinge absent at a buryall xvij d.

This fine was three times greater than that for absence from a Court.

℞ off mr Raffe Jodrell in part of payment of a more some as may apere by his obligatiō ffor and in consyderation to be admytted a brother of the company & to haue the place of mr nixon his predecessor in the clothyng & to be quyt of the stewardshype at the maiors feast and to be mr of the yomandry ffor all the consyderations he must paye xli of the w^{ch} Re x li.

The number of the livery does not seem to have been strictly fixed. It varied about this time between 45 and 47.

℞ off our mr mr thomas wood ffor ij blockes of tynne forfayted wayinge iiij C xxiiij li prayed at xlvj s. viij d. the hunderd ix li. xvj s. viij d.

℞ off mr warden meare ffor one blocke of forfayt tynne waying iiij C iiij q^{ters} j li prayed at xlvj s. viij d. the hunderd viij li. xiiij s. viij d.

℞ off mr warden hill ffore one blocke of tyne taken forfayt waying v C iiij q^{ters} prayed at xlvj s. viij d. the hunderd amounteth vnto
xiiij li. viij s. iiij d.

The Master and Wardens were entitled to the pre-emption of forfeited goods at appraised value,

Be off mr Royston ffor a block of forfayte tynne taken ffro mr willys wayinge iij C j qr^{ter} vj li out of the w^{ch} ther was abated x li the pece of tynne was prased at xlvj s. viij d. the C . . . vij li. x s. viij d.

Itm payed ffor vij li of fyne mettall & ij li qr^{ter} of peake to make a parfeyght saye of lea mettall iij s. iij d.

Itm payed vnto a Rat kyller iij s.

Itm payed ffor a hammer & ij chyssels to say tynne . . . iij s. iij d.

Itm payed ffor pryntyng of iij C of statut bookes ptaynyng to pewterers xxv s.

Itm payed ffor a shovell to torne our wheat iij s.

Itm spent in makynge our tennauntes frendes in ffanchurche street iij s. jd.

Itm payed ffor bagges of Rose leaves & lavender ffor the chest of lynnen xvij d.

Itm geven vnto the spekers man in the parlamen v s.

Itm geven vnto mr Annslowe the clarke of the parlament x s.

Charges abought the prooffe & enrolment of Mr Jacsons will in the chauncery.

There are eight items, making a total of 6*l.* 13*s.* 6*d.*

Charges off the purchase of two houses in canwyke street of mrs howlstoce mr newman & others.

This account reaches the sum of 69*l.* 0*s.* 7*d.*

Itm we ffynd the house ought to haue growyng of our adventure out of the goodes of the carryct.

This is a note of the auditor's, the amount is left blank.

1593-4. **At** this court [8th January] vnderstandynge that Sir ffrauncys godolphyne wylbe in london at the begynnynge of the terme therfore the court doth staye the Jornaye of baptyst hassell & because he hath byne at some charge in provysion for his Journey the court graunth vnto hyme xx^{s.} towardes hys charges & the sayed baptyst hassell pmyseth that in case the sayed baptyst goeth herafter that Journey he wyll abate the sayed some out of his reward of xx^{v.} poundes agreed vpon the last court.

@ court held the viijth of february 1593 Wheras ther is a sale of two howses sytuated in canwyck stred knowen one of them by the sygne of the tre whit lyons and the other by the sygne of the spanysh Armes sold vnto vs by mrs holstock John newman & others . as by ther deedes more at large doth apeer & wheras mrs holstocke out of the sayed two howses doth receue xijth ayere so longe as she lyveth & after her decease the sayed xijth ayere cometh vnto John newman dwerynge his naturall lyffe, At this court vppon certayne consyderations as vppon the acknowleg of a fyne, & vppon a present surrender by hyme & his mother vnto the company of the same howses, that in case the sayed John newman doth survyue his mother & mrs stacye that then the xijth ayere w^{ch} he shuld haue the court doth agre that he shall haue xxth ayere, and also at this present doth geve hyme a reward of xl s.

@ this court [16th February] ther was receved of mr John newman gentelman Lxth of lawfull money of England & also ther is more to be receved of the sayed John newman iijth vj s. viij d. & vppon the consyderation of both the sayed somes the house hath sealed vnto John newman & to mrs howlstock a graunt of Anuety to paye vnto John newman & to mrs holstock duryng ther naturall lyffes viijth the yere quarterly & the fyrst payment to begyne at midsomer next.

A full transcript of the deed of grant of the annuity follows this minute. Mrs. Holstock died a few months later. The charges for her funeral dinner appear in this year's accounts.

@ this court [15th April] all the bretherne of the company haue ther lyberty to take the lawe agaynst wyddowe crose.

@ this court [10th May] Robert bullardyne a brother havynge absented hyme selfe in the countrye these xvij yeres by the consent of the court he is admytted to paye viij s. vj d. the arerages of the yemandres quarteryge, & also the court Juggeth hyme to pay a fyne to the house to be admytted agayne a brother of the company and to paye to the house x s. the w^{ch} money beinge xvij s. vj d. mr maddoxe doth pmys to paye vnto the house wⁱⁿ this month & yerly his quartryge i s. vj d. a yere hereafter.

At this court [13th June] James mathers was charged ffor castyng of buttons of ffalse mettall & he reconsyled hyme selfe befor the court & pmyseth & byndeth hyme selfe in xti never hereafter to cast any buttons or other tryffels but of ffyne In witnes of the same he hath hervnto set to his hand.

Wheras [8th August] ther hath byne a shut & controverse betwyxt James mathers & John bowyar for debt & the shut & cause havynge byne marked befor my lord mayor, & by me lord retorned agayne vnto vs to determyne, we Juge that the house shall paye vnto James mathers xxvj s. viij d. in ffull payment of all debtes acoumpptes sutes whatsoever betwyxt James mathers & John bowyar vnto this daye beinge the xiiijth of August 1594 & the sayed John bowyar covaunteth to paye agayne the sayed xxvj s. viij d. vnto the house by vj d. the weeke in wytne wherof I do hervnto set to my hand.

At this court [14th November] wheras notyce is geven vnto the companye that mr Robertes of truro hath baganed and sold vnto mr stapers of london marchaunt xlty thowsand of barres of tynne, and that he hath cast them in his owen house contrary to the statutes of the land and preiudicyall vnto the company whervppon the court hath taken order that vppon the charge of the house comyssion shalbe sued out ffr^o the councayle to make a staye of the sayed tynne and that he shall apere befor the councayle to awnswer such artycles as we shall laye agaynst hyme, and for the execution of the sayed comyssion it is graunted vnto mr alderman catcher and to mr glover & to mr Atmer to ryd downe vnto cornwall to stay the tynne, and to serve the comyssion vppon Robertes to apeer befor the councayle and it is graunted them to haue of the house xx^{ty} poundes for ther charges.

Ifm Re of mr John newman the some of 63 li. 6 s. 8 d. ffor the w^{ch} money the house standeth bound vnto hyme to paye viij li. a yere so longe as he lyveth Rē lxij li. vj s. viij d.

Ifm spent at the Rose in newgat market vj s. xd.

Ifm payed vnto mr henry Roe accordynge to a precept ffor the settinge out of syxe shippes xxxj li. xix s.

Charges and paymentes growyng of the purchase of the two houses in canwyck street bought mrs holstocke & mr John newman.

Among thirteen items are the two which follow.

Item payed vnto iiij poore men of our companye to be lent vnto them vli. a pece for iij yeres gratis for ever of the guyft of mrs holstocke xx li.

Item spent in the hawle at the ffunerall dynnar of mrs howlstocke over and aboue fyve poundes w^{ch} she gave by her wyll to be spent xxiiij s. iiij d.

1594-5. **At** a court held the xiiijth of January 1594, wheras in december last we had a precept ffrō my lord maior ffor the pvyision of wheat ffor the pvyision of the cytty and at the sayed present both the lyvery and yomandry accordyng vnto the dyscretion of sessors apoynted were sessed, those in the lyvery wer sessed as vnder wrytten, and the yomandry as not contented wth the sesment dysordredly amongst them selves chosed rather to gether amongst them selves fyve poundes of money to geve vnto the house to pay the interest of fyfte poundes for a yere then brotherly to do as the lyvery dyd. this court notyng well ther dysobedyence caused the gatherers of the sayed fyve poundes of the yomandry to be geven agayne to those w^{ch} had dysbursed it. And farther the court ordereth that the wheat of the house at this present shalbe sold to the poore of the company at iiij s. vj d. the bushell w^{ch} is better cheepe then the market doth sell by xij d. in a bushell and doth order that the lose of the sayed corne shalbe borne by the house.

At this court [3rd July] w^m burley lat the aprentys of John crose was set over vnto thomas smackergyll & R^e iij s.

Moroover it is agreed betwyxt thomas smackergyll & w^m burley his aprentis that accordyng to the will of John Crose deceased that w^m burley shall serve but vij yeres & so haue a yere geven hyme.

At this court [14th July] ther was a consent to take in a newe lyvery & those who ar vnder wrytten ar chosen and to paye such charges as is apoynted that is to saye xxx s. a pece vnto the house towards the making of streamers & banners, and iij s. iiij d. a pece to our master towards the making of the table and a spone of a ounce & ahalfe a pece iij s. a pece to the bedell & ij s. apece to the clarke. [Twelve names follow.]

History of the Pewterers' Company.

At this court [23rd September] it hath byne well consydered the inconvenyence w^{ch} is lyke to growe and hath grown by the meanes of those w^{ch} haue sued to be dyscharged of the servyce not only of the servyce of the mr & wardens of the clothynge but also of the servyce of the mr & wardens of the yomandry and of the servyce of the stewardes at the maiors ffeast ffor wheras dyvers haue ffyned for the sayed servyses agreed befor the haue byne chosen, deale better cheepe the charge of servyce doth cost and also easyng them selves frō the servis w^{ch} the wardens do take great paynes in, to the great offence of those wh^{ch} shalbe chosen in any servyce of the companye these abuses well consydered of nowe it is ffully at this ffull court agreed vppon that never hereafter that the court shall geve eare vnto any sueter that shall seeke to be dyscharged befor he be chosen to any servyce and that everyone that shalbe chosen to any offyce or servyce shall paye v^{li} accordyng to the authorysed ordenaunce that is to saye to paye fyve poundes of lawfull money of Ingland & to be dyscharged servyce he shalbe chosen vnto.

At the lyke [fine] of mr w^m wood submyttyng hymselfe before the Election desyerynge to be fyned ffor his ffyrst servys of the vpper wardenshippe and the court ffyned him to paye . . . iij li. vj s. viij d.

Item spent a surplus more then xij d. a pece the lyvery spent at dynnar iij s.

Item ffor a case of lether for the yomandres cupe . . . iij s. viij d.

Item payed ffor charges in bryngynge in to the hawle of xxv^y quarters of wheat bought of Roger vancolge accordyng to a precept ffrom my L maior and sold agayne vnto the company at vj d. in a bushell lose the charges and lose amounted vnto . . . vj li. iij s. j d.

Item payed ffor charges and losses of x quarters of Rye receved by precept frō my L. maior notwthstandynge money R^e frō the company towards the losses . . . iij li. xiiij s.

Charges ffor ij newe stremers and a banner and ther staves.

The Company, as usual, buy all materials and pay the workmen for the time employed in doing the work. The money came from the new livery fees,

1595-6. *At* this court [4th February] it graunted vnto Robert gascar to haue the quarters pention geuen accordyng to the will of mr Edward Catcher deseased to haue his dynnar every quarter daye & xij d. in money.

Also ther is graunted [26th February] vnto brooke whytney ffor and consyderation of servyce w^{ch} he dyd vnto the company about the purchase of mr newmans landes and also to be our attorney in all causes w^{ch} we shall need of to haue xxvj s. viij d. a yeres Anuety to be payed by vjs. viij d. the quarter.

The Company institute a new office by securing with a retaining fee the services of a solicitor.

At this court [1st April] mr baptyst hassell pretending to set vp atrad in makyng fustyans, he desyerynge for his aduancement to haue a more number of aprenteses then other brotherne of the company haue, the court graunteth hym to take iij prentyses more then his number vppon condytion never to set them a worke in one trad & farther as the court doth fynd conuenient hereafter he may haue mor prenteses allowed hym and payed ffor the presentment kynge ijs.

Memorand that whereas Henry Jackman of London Esquier hath pmised vnto the mr and wardens and compeny of the Pewterers of london to do his best indevo^r to procure vnto the said company wⁱⁿ one yere after the date hereof the Quenes mat^e graunte vnder the greate seale of Englund for the prohibitege of tynne to be transported out of this Realme in blocke, And whereas the mr wardens and coi^ltie of the said compeny haue likewise promised vnto the said Henry Jackman that if the said sute shalbe had or obteyned wthin the tyme before lymeted They the said compeny shall and will assigne and assure vnto foure, fyve six or seaven suche p^osons as shall be to them named by the said Henry Jackman, all their terme and interest and all proffitt^e com^odities and aduantage comynge growenge or arrisenge in to or by meanes or vertue of the said l^res pattent^e. It is nowe concluded and agreed by and betwene the said compeny of pewterers and the said Henry Jackman that in considera^on of the said assignement and assuraunce by the said companye to be made as is aforesaid, suche and somany

of the psons so to be nōiated by the said Henry Jackman as the said assignement or assuraunce shalbe made vnto, shall enter into bonde vnto the said compenye in the some of fyve hundred pounde wth condicōn not onely to save or kepe harmeles the said compeny of for or concernenge all suche covennts clauses and articles as shall by the said l^res p^tentē be mencioned, to be on the pte of the said compeny obserued pformed or kepte, But also to paye vnto the vse of the said mr wardens and coiāltie of the misterie of pewterers for the tyme beinge for eūy yere durenge the contynuaunce of their said graunte or assignement in good force, the some of one hundred pounde of lawfull englishe money, To be paied at foure suche termes or tymes of the yere as shalbe by the said compeny and the said psons so to be nōiated concluded and agreed vpon. In witnes of w^{ch} agrement aswell the Mr and wardens of the said compeny as the said Henry Jackman haue hervnto subscribed this sixtethe daye of June 1596: And in the eight and thirtethe yere of the Reign of o^r solaign Lady Quene Elizabethe &c.

Also [12th July] Anthony taylor because that ther was found eare dyshes of his makynge fyve graynes worse then fyne, & also cast ware at x graynes worse then saye whervpon he is comytted to ward vntyll farther order.

At this court [15th July] humfry weetwood havynge byne found in conferacy wth thomas cowes to make eare dyshes beakers & godderdes of gobbetes of false mettall iiij graynes worse then laye, the w^{ch} wares haue byne sold vnto the country not only vnto the dyscredyt of vs all workemen in london but also agreat wronge and lose vnto those w^{ch} shall hereafter melt those agayne tuchynge forfaytur of those dyshes we leue them to the quene & the taker & humfrey weetwood & thomas cowes to make satisfaction vnto the pewterers in the country w^{ch} bought them of eather of them, And farther they being ponyshed by Imprysonment, we farther order that humfry weetwood shall submyt hyme selfe vnto all the company & confese his fawlt & to desyer to thynke of hyme & to accept of hyme agayne as abrother of the company w^{ch} he dyd in the presence of the whole company, being farther Inyoyned to brynge in his tuch & that for knolege hereafter of his falshood he shall haue for his tuch

a duble ff, and also that he shall put in shurtes for his true and honest dealyng in his trad.

The "double ff" for false ware was a touch not likely to sell the maker's goods. He would doubtless be obliged to give up business for himself and become a journeyman.

Also Anthony taylor was fyned for havng cast manekyns x graynes worse then fyne to paye xx s. that is to paye v s. in present money and v s. a quarter untill it be payed.

Mannikins in the armourer's craft were miniature suits of armour. What a pewterer's mannikin was is not clear; perhaps it was a toy soldier.

At this court [3rd August] it is agreed that accordynge to a precept frō my lord maior that we shuld not cepe no festevall dynnar at the choyse of the master & wardens in consydering of the poverty of the poore of the cytty london that the hawle shuld paye some charytye vnto the comfort of poore the court agreeth that ther shalbe geven to the precept xx s. out of the house & that ther shalbe but ane ordynary quarter dynnar at the plesur of the mr & wardens & they to haue out of the xlty shillinges allowed out of the house besyd the allowaunce of the quarter dynnar & that they shall haue of the company but vj d. apeece.

At this court [15th August] ther was vppon consyderation that by meanes that dyvers of our assystaunce ar latly departed out of this lyffe, and dyvers others haue drawen them selves to dwell in the country therfor the assystaunce beinge weake, it is thought good that mr thomas Elyot mr James draper mr Rychard glover & mr thomas wood the yonger to be taken into the assystaunce and in present court they were sworne.

At this court [16th August] ther was gathered of the company and geven to the releffe of w^m stevens wyffe her husband absentynge herselfe frō her not knowynge wher he is, & she left wth ij chyl dren comfortlesse in present court ther was geven here x s. iij d.

At this court [21st October] is fully agreed by the whole consent that never hereafter any tryffler or any other of the company shall at any tyme her after shall turne any sawcers to be sold but only those w^{ch} shalbe beaten wth the hammer, vppon payne of forfaytur all such sawcers found turned & that every man w^{ch} hath such moldes shall bryng them vnto the house befor satterday next.

At this court [8th November] ther was chosen and appoynted to be cooke vnto the hawle ther was dyvers in election and especyally ther was wth most voyces of the companye John holt was chosen and he to do his worke as other haue done and styll to contynewe cooke vppon his good behaveor, and to haue as others haue had hertofo for his worke that is his fees & xij d. for a mese dressynge.

Be of thomas and Rychard steventon a fyne sellynge ij C xxij li of taverne pottes vnto henry cotton untuched the same pottes suspected to be lesse then measur xx s.

Be off thomas coves ffor that he pcured humfry weetwood to make hyme porrengers beakers and godderdes worse then laye being ffound sold in the country to the great dyscredyt of the cytty x li.

Be off mr Robynson in saynt tellyns [St. Helen's] taken up at interest to be payed at a yere the w^{ch} shalbe dewe at the xxth of June next j C li.

Jfm spent at the sealyng of the lease of mother coopers house vnto mr powell the barber x s.

Jfm spent vppon ij prechars arbetrators betwyxt mr thornburrowe and mr newman vppon a lease graunted hertofo by newman vnto thornborowes predecessor xj s. vj d.

Jfm payed vnto mr thornburrowe vppon ther award he delyverynge upe vnto the house his lease & all his ryght and Interest the some of xcvij li. x s.

Jfm payed a reward vnto the clarke of mrchauntalors ij s.

Jfm we ffynd the chamber of london to be Indebted vnto vs ffor money lent them ffor the payment of the cytty nente [ninety] poundes ffor the w^{ch} we haue the seale of the cytty to repaye it agayne wth the Interest after x in the hunderd 90 ti.

1596-7. ¶ court held the xxiiijth of January 1596. Wheras the xxth of november last we receved a precept ffrom my L. maior that we shuld ffor the pvysion of the cytty take out of the bryge house xviiij qrters of Rye for the w^{ch} we dysbursed xxxj li. x s. levyng the precept wth the masters of the bryghouse when we receved the corne, & the money was levyed of the clothyng Robert sheppard & John deane collectors.

The names of thirty-four persons follow, each contributing 20s., except one who gives 10s.

¶ Some of all the money receved of the clothyng amounteth vnto xxxiiij li. so that the fyrst precept was payed & ther remayneth xxx s. w^{ch} was payed to the recayptes of the collection of the yomandry of xxiiij li. of the lyke lone ffor provysion of wheat & Rye.

¶ At this court [11th January] it is ffully Agred that wheras god hath taken out of this lyffe mr skynnar lat lord maior of london in whose place ther is chosen mr Alderman byllyngesley the company being warned to geue Attendaunce & to wayght on hyme when he toke his othe thys court agreeth that Robert sheppard & John deane shalbe stewardes & to make the company a dynnar at ther owen charge wher they wyll & so to be dyscharged of the servyce of the stewardshype.

¶ Whereas [1st March] the in January last we receved a second precept ffor the lone of xxiiij li for wheat & rye w^{ch} we receved at the bryge house levyng the precept wth the mrs of the bryge house when we receved the corne the w^{ch} money was levyed of the yomandry as followeth oswell blunt & william peat beinge collectors.

¶ As a surplus of the clothyng of ther gatherynge vppon the ffyrst precept xxx s.

Sixty-six members of the Yeomanry, whose names follow, contribute sums varying from 10s. to 3s. 4d.

¶ Also [22nd March] whereas John Read late the aprentys of mr John norton deceased sworne & mad fre, of the company, havynge contrary to the ordenaunces of the house not only occupye the trad & take to hyme selfe aprentys w^{thout} lycense but also being found most

notoryous false in makyng laye bowe pottes, lty graynes worse then the say the court Juggeth hym to be caryed to ward and also to be banyshed the company for ever.

At the next Court Read, upon his submission, was fined and re-admitted.

At this court [26th April] wheras ther is great complaynt is mad & Justly proved that the holloware men make ther laye lese then the saye, the court Juggeth that no man shall make but after xxxvjth graynes, & that ware w^{ch} is ffound worse then the saye the court doth Juge to ponysh accordyng to the fawlt.

At this court wheras the house is indebted vnto mr thomas parkes lxli of lawfull money of England wth Interest ffrō the xth of August last past for the payment of w^{ch} money the house beinge wthout money, it is agred to take vpe lty poundes for ix monthes, at x in the hundred [and mr Raffe stray lent xx ti for the w^{ch} he hath in pawne on standyng cupe wth acover duble guylt wayng xv^{ty} ounces j q^{ter} viij sponnes dubble guylt way] *And mr John stuard lent xx^{ty} poundes of lawfull money of England for the w^{ch} he hath in pawne by byll of sale mad by the mr and Wardens wth the consent of the court of Assystaunce on standynge cupe knowne by the name & guyft of sir peter waryngton wayinge xxxviij ounces & half quarter one salt dubble guylt wayng xx^{ty} ounces quarter one estryge ege garnyshed & guylt wayng xxx^{ty} ounces. for the w^{ch} mr steward is at the end of ix monthes for the xx^{ty} poundes he lent to receue xxj ti v s. morover towards the payment of the sayde lx ti wth Interest mr Raffe straye lent xx^{ty} poundes ffor the w^{ch} he hath by the consent of the court of Assystaunce a pawne mad by the mr & wardens out of the house that is to saye one standynge cupe duble guylt wayinge xxxij ounces & halfe ij dossen & xj parcell guylt sponnes wayinge lty ounces d q^{ter} viij duble guylt sponnes wayinge. Also mr Elyot lent frely x^{ti} for ix monthes.

At this court [22nd August] wheras w^m tallent being one of the livery and accordynge to order chosen to be mr of the yomandry being called vnto it he being fallen into decaye not being able to paye his ffyne

* The words in brackets are crossed through in the original.

nor to serve the charge, submytting hym selfe vnto the court the court doth depryue hym to be of the clothynge & hath brought in his hood by his owen good will & so he is dyscharged of the servyce of the yomandry & all servyce of the clothynge.

¶ this court to make turned sawcers the court doth agre vnto it vntyll farther order.

¶ this election [27th August] our mr [Master] being sycke prycked in his house & mr warden hill mr warden goqd man mr Cattcher mr straye mr hartwell mr gascar mr Clyffe mr steward mr w^m hill mr Elyot mr draper mr glover were at the court.

Pricking was the old manner of voting, by marking names on a list with a dot or pin-prick. The term is still employed in connection with the appointment of high sheriffs.

¶ this court [17th December] is well consydered of dyvers abuses w^{ch} groweth by the meanes of the bell man and brokers w^{ch} ar mayntayned & suffered to the great hurt of the company whervppon the court maketh choyse of mr John steward mr walter hill mr James draper mr thomas cowes & mr w^m Atmeyer mr henry deuxley to shew to my L. maior & Aldermen & comon councayle ffor reformation of dyvers abuses by petytion and the house to ber the charge of all thynges tuchyng ther shut.

¶ of mr Steward In consyderation that the court of assystaunce dyd quyt & dyscharge his sone tobyas wood not yet mad freman of london nor of the company of the servys of the wardenshippe of the yomandry and also to quyt & dyscharge hym of the servys of the stewardshype at my L. mayors ffeast iiij li.

1597-8. *Wheras* [16th January] ther hath byne contention betwyxt george miller and humfry baker his master concernyng a bargayne John miller havyng bought the moldes and toles of humfry baker and also pmysed to geue humfry baker fyve shillynges the weeke the bargayne being found hard of millers syd the court Juggeth george miller not to haue any aprentyce nor to haue any other servaunt but humfry baker and that alwayes when georg mitter shall haue sale for his worke that then he to set humfry baker aworke & to paye hym fyve shillynges aweeke and baker to fynd hym selfe.

At this court [19th July] wth the ffull consent of the whole it is agreed that for the terme of a whole yere next Inshuyng newe Indentures shalbe drawen tuchyng the shut of restraynt of tynne to be caryed in bloockes beyond the seas, accordyng to the covauntes hertofore agreed vppon betwyxt the company & mr Jackson.

Recede of willyam tallent mr of the yomandry vppon consyderation not to haue a great dynnar at the hawle for the choyse of the wardens of the yomandry xl^v shillynges in money & his partners James curers nicholas bowyar & leonard syngleton gaue a sylvar cupe to the house duple guilt to the valewe of xlt^y shilling a pece Rē of mr tallent xlt^y s.

Not
Allowed.

Ifm we ask allowaunce ffor money payed to mynstrels one our election daye v s.

1598-9. At this court [11th January] w^m brook havyng cast ij C & od wayght of sade ware of mettall being iiij graynes worse then the saye he humbled hyme selfe to the court & pleted Ignoraunce of the matter the court Jugeth hyme to turne into laye and to paye iij shillynges as a fyne to the house.

At this court wheras the xvijth of december last mr Catcher mr Rycharde glover Abacak Curtys & w^m brooke were chosen to determyne vppon the lose of corne the last yere the sayed iiij men haue Juge & determynd that the lose shalbe borne of the companye that is to saye he that hath Rē corne shall repaye back agayne a therd of the valewe of the corne & they that haue Rē no corne shall leese a therd of ther money, and the court apoynteth collectors for the clothyng John Cowdwell & w^m lynsey & for the yomandry Abacuk Curtys & w^m brooke.

At this court [5th June] it is agreed that willyam Cooke our cooke of the hawle shall haue hereafter for all his worke for the yere to be done for the mr & wardens of the lyvery for ther court Election & quarter dynnars foerty shillynges every yere.

At this court [31st August] was brought vnto the house A dubble guylt standyng cuppe of the guyft of mr Rycharde perkyns deceased wayinge xxvij ounces w^{ch} amounteth vnto xij^{li} accordyng to the wyll of the sayed mr perkyns w^{ch} gave xij^{li} to mak a cupe god Increase the lyke benefactors.

At this court [22nd September] Rychard Robson the aprentys of James Redman was sworne & mad fre Also willyam smyth the aprentys of hughe newghton was sworne & mad fre Also the forsayed w^m smyth in presence of the whole court dyd covenaut & hygher hyme self to his sayed mr [Master] hewghe newghton to serve hyme from michaelmas daye next one yere ffull & to do hyme servys as a iorneman and a dwetefull servaunt, & his master hath promysed to be a good master to hyme & to pay hyme vj li. of money for his yeres wages & after as they cane agre.

At this court [19th October] wheras mr John Catcher hath cast & put to worke j C ij q^{tes} xli of iiij^{ti} platters to be wrought vnto bassons for yewars the workman Refusyng to worke ther suspectyng them to be false yet he vrged hyme to worke them, then the cause being knowen to the mr & wardens they were seased in september last and now at this court they ar Adugged to be forfayted and the cause to be presented in the exchecker & ffor farther punyshment for the good example to the whole company, & for the ponyshment of so notoryus offence the court Juggeth hyme to paye a fyne to the house vj li. xiiij s. iiij d. because the mettall is so falsefyed being tryed they were but ij graynes better then ley, And yf in case the sayed xxty nobles be not payed wthin x dayes after notyce geven hyme that then wth the consent of the whole court he shall paye wthout Redemption tene poundes of lawfull money of England wthout Redemption.

Jfm spent vppon the sergaunt of the skullary iiij s.

1599-1600. At this court [16th January] wheras it is thought that here maiesty of her Royall prerogatyve, will take into her owen handes all the tynne in cornwall & devenshire to dyspose accordyng to her maiestes good councayle & plesure, the company vnderstandyng that ther ar dyvers offers of the same not only to pryvat psons, as also to the turkey merchaunte it is thought good by the whole company, that the mr & wardens of the lyvery mr w^m mear mr John steward mr walter hyll mr baptyst hasell & mr thomas Elyot, that they shall vppon the charge house take councayle & followe the shut of thys ether by petition or otherways for the good of the company for the let of those pcedynges.

At this court [11th April] wheras we haue a precept for the payment of fower poundes to the chambelyne london towards the payment one thowsand markes for composyion of the buying of the lycense of those w^{ch} haue for oyle sope butter hopes salt vynager & such lyke, by the consent of this court it is Jugged that the fower poundes shalbe payed out of the house stocke.

Be off w^m walker [19th June] ffor the presentment of walter hawkyns to serve ix yeres at mydsomer next ij s.

At this court [3rd September] wheras ther hath byne a controversy betwyxt w^m webbe & Roger glover, & the Anger pceeded so fare that it came to blowes & w^m webbe had atooth stroke out of his heed the court Juggeth Roger glover to geue in recompence to the house xx s. of lawfull money for the brech of the ordenaunce. And also the sayed Roger glover shall retorne to w^m webbe such hammers he hath of them.

At this court [14th October] we bargayned wth mr Rychard glover ffor xxy quarters of sweet & merchantabell Rye ffor to be dd at or befor the fyrst daye of January next & mr glover sold it for iij s. vj d. the bushell & we agreed to geve hyme the Reddy money & he to delyver it at the hawle.

Also wheras Roger hawkesford mad fre matheas pelleytory ij yeres befor his Indentur was expyred he was Jugged & payed x s.

J^m given the sexton of St martyns churge vj d.

J^m payed ffor halfe a fyftene iij s. iiij d.

J^m payed the ffirst payment of the subsedy lij s.

J^m payed ij fyftenes & a halfe xvj s. viij d.

J^m payed to the chamberlayne of london by a precept ffro my lord maior iij li.

J^m payed ffor half a fyftene iij s. iiij d.

J^m payed ffor ij fyftens xij s. iiij d.

J^m payed more ffor two fyftenes xij s. iiij d.

J^m payed ffor a dynnar & charges when the quene came to london xxj s. jd.

1600-1. ¶ this court [5th January] wheras we haue a precept for the pvyson of threscore quarters of wheat so that we are to gether of the company lxli of money to buy the sayed corne and that money to be retorned agayne when the corne shalbe sold, and we do agre that livery shall lend xl^y poundes, & the yomandry shall lend xx^y poundes & for the seassors it is reffered to our mr wardens to sease the livery, & to the wardens of the yomandry to sease them, & the court choseth leonard syngleton & peter brockelsby collectors for the livery & the wardens of the yomandry to chuse ther collectors.

¶ this court [16th March] is consydered the calamyty and the poverty w^{ch} is and more and more lykely to be by meanes of the small trad that the company hath, the court doth refere the consyderation of the causes vnto mr John Catcher [seven names follow] and that they shall vppon the companes charge devyse a sublycation to be presented to the lordes of the councayle for the releeffe of our company dystressed, and that they shall present it to our master & wardens and at ther dyscretions for the presentyng of it.

¶ this court [22nd May] it is agreed that mr John Catcher mr warden Collyar mr Elyot mr walter hill mr dounyng mr deuxell mr hassell Abacuk Curtys Joseph bromley & thomas smyth, or any fower of them so that one of them be of the yomandry shall travayle in our shutes to our maiesty or to any of her maiesties councayle tuchyng our shutes for the relevyng of our company dystressed by ocasyons whatsover, and that they shall vppon the charge of the house follow this shut, and also henceforth it is agreed that mr hassell shall be consydered for his paynes to the dyscretion of the court of Assystaunce.

¶ this court [8th June] it is agreed that the corne of the house shalbe dd to the company at that pryce as it was bought w^{ch} is iiij s. a bushell of wheat & iij s. vjd. a bushell of Rye and because that ther is money in the house not Imployed it is agreed that the money & corne shalbe equally devyded accordyng to the pporsion as well in money as in corne.

¶ this court [11th August] wheras mr deuxell vppon agrement of the court of Assystaunce it was ordred that mr warden collyar and

thomas steventon shuld travell in the country to serch and to ponysh accordyng the statutes of the land and our corperation, mr deuell to prevent ther pcedynges dyd make it knowen to dyvers of his chapmen by a letter At wyggen [Wigan] wherby ther pcedyngs was greatly hindred and vppon master deuell's confessyon he dyd that his chapmen shuld not be hindred to his hurt therfor the court Jugeth hyme to pay affyne to the house vti of lawfull money.

The above minute is cancelled by marking through with the pen. This was done with a view to conciliation, as appears by the following entry.

At this court [29th August] wheras the xjth of August mr deuell was determynd and Jued as may apere, the court for to make peece and quyetnes is contented to take but iijli ffor ane offence comytted best knowen to the court and to be lovers ffrendes.

At this court [19th September] wheras it hath plesed god to call Edward harper our bedell to his mercy, the court in consyderation that w^m milles our clark was shuter to be bedell in his sayed place or els to haue certayne chambers in the sayed bedels house Rent fre. All the whole court dyd wyllingly graunt to the sayed w^m milles so longe as he and his wyff lyveth the chamber wth the chymney in the sayd bedels house and Also the garret wth resonable comodyte of the kytchyn to the necessity of his wyffe.

Also James Redman was a shuter lykwyse to be bedell or els at this present or els to be clarke at the death of the sayed w^m milles or els at his surendor of his sayed offyce to any other the court wth ther ffull consent graunted to his shut that at the death of the sayed w^m milles or his surrendor of the sayed offys to Any other the sayd James Redman shall Inioye it.

At this court [26th September] wheras mr Cowes hath of his Auncyentnes alonge tyme byne called vnto the assystaunce and vppon causes at this tyme best knowen and ffor loue & ffrenshipe agreed vppon and all former matters to be forgotten the court doth agre ffor and inconsideration of fowrty shillynges to presently payed he shalbe quyt of the servyce of the yongar wardenshype of the livery and also to haue his place and callynge in the table and court of Assystaunce and in the call booke nexte vnto mr Collyar.

At this court [26th October] by the generall consent of all the whole company beinge warned, that the mr & wardens shuld vppon the charge [? of the] house call to them so many of the company as shalbe agreed vppon to followe shut as well in the plament as other wayes to the L. of the councayle for the remedy of such Anoyaunces and greffes as they shall agre vppon them.

At this court [29th October] Joseph bromley was a suter to be dyscharged of the sarvyce of the mr & wardenship of the yomandry and the court consydering that he payeth his money long tyme befor hand and that his father was a longe tyme ane honest servaunt to the house the court. agreth to take but iij li of hyme and he gave his Ryng and pmysed to pay his money this present daye.

This was a son of Bromley, a former Beadle. The signet ring was not only used for sealing deeds and agreements, but was often handed over as a pledge for the acceptance of a bargain.

At this court [10th November] it is ordered that by our lerned councayle we shuld vppon the charge of the house we shuld fframe a byll vnto the plament humbly besechyng her maiestye to call in the patten graunted vnto mr brygam and to mr wemanes, and at this court we apoynt thomas Calley being a brother of our company to be our solycyter to our lerned councayle and to ffollowe the shut, and the company doth pmys hyme to save hyme harmles of all inconvenyenses and charges growyng of this servys.

Jfm Allowaunce ffor the sermon & other dwetes at st deonys backchurch the election daye viij s.

No reason is assigned for removing the election-day festival service from the church of Allhallows, Lombard Street, to that of St. Dionis Backchurch. Their first place of religious assembly was the Grey Friars church, which they exchanged for Allhallows about the year 1496 (see Vol. I, p. 79). Pewterers' Hall was situated in the parish of St. Dionis, and this would naturally account for the Company leaving Allhallows.

Jfm payed ffor Rates bayne iij d.

Jfm ffor staffe torches when the quene came x s.

Jfm spent when the quene came to london xxviij s. viij d

1601-2. ¶ this Courte [1st February] there was by the master comāunded openly to be reade vnto the Company the proclamacōn sett out by hir ma'e for the reformatōn of abuses comitted by patentees dated at westm the xxviith of november 1601 in the xliiith yeare of hir highnes raigne wth an expresse comāundement by him given vnto the Company that henceforth none of the Company shall presume to call in question the power or validitie of hir ma'e prorogative Royall for if so be any shall so doe hee shall not be only comitted to prison but also be bounde ou to answer yt befor y^e Lords of hir ma'e Councell.

¶ off george smyth [31st March] ffor the presentment of thomas glover to serve x yeares at crystmas last ijs.

This long term of apprenticeship occurs not infrequently in the records.

¶ this court [16th June] mr Royston was receved in to the company agayne vppon his submyssion, and a newe table [*i.e.* list] to be mad & he to have his place as hertofo he had.

¶ this court [28th July] mr thomas steventon whas a sueter to be dyscharged of the servyce of the steward shipe he hath byne pmysed when he tooke vppon hyme to be mr of the yomandry, he shuld be well delt wth all for the dyscharge of the sayed sarvyce & for his paynes taking in rydyng to westchester in search & also in great paynes & servyce when our mr was in pryson all w^{ch} thynges consydrd the court is contented that he shulde paye xxs. & so shalbe dyscharged of the sayed servyce the w^{ch} money was spent at taverne that day by consent.

¶ this court [11th August] John head was ashuter, he havynge maryed a wyddowe being a cutlers wyddowe, he cannot well occupy the trad wthout he be turned over to them, the court consydrth the benefyt w^{ch} shall fall vnto hyme by it & that he is a poore man have yelded his shut & for consyderation of the same the court Jugeth hyme to paye thre poundes of lawfull money of England the wch money John head pmyseth to paye befor he be turned over.

¶ this court [13th August] by the generall consent of the whole company it is ordred vppon the abuse of dyvers of the company who worketh openly in the shopes wth ther great wheles w^{ch} is ane occasion

that pewterers of the country & others shall come to great lyght of farther knowleg to the great hindraunce of the company as well at this present as hereafter, now ther is comaundment that presently befor bartelmew day they do reforme it, & yf incase any of ther shopes be unreformed at bartelmewtyd they shall paye xiijs. iiij d. & at the next fawlt they shall paye xxs. & after they shalbe banyshed & that no brother of the company shall buy & sell wth them.

From this it appears that the London pewterers had certain trade secrets which they kept from the knowledge even of the country members of the trade.

Jtm given mychaelmas quarter to Eward marynor to burry hym wthall
vj s. viij d.

Jtm payed the sexton of St mrtyns when we went wth my lord maior to westmⁿster vj d.

Jtm payed ffor the cobby of the vndertakers patten [patent] 1s.

Jtm spent at takynge of it forth v s. vj d.

Jtm payed spent in pryson as apereth by a byll of pertyculars by our mr [Walter Hill] in the prysone at westmⁿster vij li. vj s. ij d.

not
Allowed.

Also our m^r asketh allowaunce ffor ffyer drynke makynge of petycyons & other extraordinary charges vij l.

not
Allowed.

Jtm payed & spent by M^r Collyar M^r Cowes [Warden] & w^m mylles clarke in tyme of ther prysoment in the gate house as apereth by ther byll of ptyculars xli. viij s. viij d.

The three preceding entries, relating to the imprisonment of the officials, come under the heading "Charges off our shut in the parlament and ffor false measures."

1602-3. **At** this court [14th January] by the consent of the whole company it is agreed that the mr & wardens and the assystaunce and others who they will call to be assystaunt wth them shall devyse & frame ther shut to the lordes for all Inconvenyenses w^{ch} ar noysome vnto them vppon the charge of the house w^{ch} shalbe after publyshed to the whole company & vppon ther consent to be presented to the lordes.

At this court [18th January] wher present mr John Clyffe maister [and 13 others], being a ffull court of Assystaunce who concluded and

agreed accordyng to Ane order taken by the comyttes a poynted by the lordes of the councayle betwene the vndertakers and vs the pewterers of london, as it apereth vnder ther handes that it shuld be lawfull ffor the mr & wardens and assystaunce of the sayed company to nomynat and chuse fower bretheren of the company to be casters of tynne into barres ffor the space of one yere next followyng and that no other pewterer shuld vppon penalty to be farther agreed vppon cast any, and the sayed fower men shall pay ffor every hundred wayght cast by them and ther servauntes iiij d. vppon every hundred to the mr and wardens to be dystributed to the poore of the company fower pence vppon every hundred, At this by ffull consent wer chosen to cast the space a whole yere

mr thomas Elyot mr Rychard glover
mr nicolas Collyar & mr Roger glover.

At this court [27th February] it was thought good to make afarther Augmentation of the Assystaunce the cause that dyvers of the assystaunce of late god hath called therfor for the better sarvyce of the estat of the company it is agreed that Rychard steventon hewgh newghton Rychard staple & Roger glover shalbe sworne and tak the othe of the wardens and so to be of the Assystaunce.

There was a plague visitation of unusual severity this year which caused several vacancies on the Court of Assistants. Three elections took place for Master. William Meare, who was old and sickly, resigned, and Ralph Stray, who was elected in his place, died of the plague in November, when John Cliffe was chosen to succeed him. Compare Maurice Pellytory's petition and the order of 23rd August, 1604, on p. 44.

At this court [12th April] vppon dyvers consyderations it is thought good to take Andrew fuller vnto the lyvery and vppon consyderation ther of to furnysh charges accordyng to a precept for the Intertaynment of the kynge he is fyned to paye tene poundes of lawfull money of Ingland and other ordenary charges.

At this court wheras we have a precept for the gatherynge of the company of fyftene poundes of lawfull money of Ingland towards the charges of the cytty for the Intertaynment of the kynge at this court it is agreed that the house paye it. [See page 41.]

¶ *Wheras* [19th April] vppon the complaynt by petycion of cartayne Abuses in the government and company the court referreth the heryng and determynation of the same to mr dounyng [and 11 others].

¶ *At* this court [8th June] wheras it hath plesed god by our gracious soverayghne lord the kyng to suppress the prehemption and to leve vs at lyberty to buy our tynne as we have done and the kyng havynge a great care for the contentment of the tynnars in devonshier mr Rychard glover gave his word to the councayle to geve the country contentment for iiij or iiiij thowsand pondes worthe of tynne, wth Ayde of the company of the pewterers of london nowe we whose names vnder wrytten have condyssended to be in company wth mr glover and accordynge vnto the sommes of money her vnder wrytten w^{ch} we promys to paye vnto mr Roger wthin this xiiij dayes, and we pmys mr glover and he vndertaketh to vs to be a faythful copartner to vs in the buyng the same and we agre wth hyme to bere our adventur other in lose or in p^{er}fyte.

¶ *At* this court [7th July] wher as the company is charged wth great charges for the coronation and because the house is indebted it is agreed that ther shalbe aseasment ffor twenty pounds of lawfull money, of the clothynge and the yomandry, and the court chuseth mr dounyng mr Elyot mr deuxell mr newghton, And the court, chuseth collectors for the livery thomas parrat & george smyth, and ffor the yomandry thomas Rossell and Jesper Roaffe.

¶ *A* copy [7th October] of the wyll of mrs Ellyne kynge of her guyft to ij poore men for ever of Lⁱ to be lent vnto them vppon good assuraunce frely for ever.

The will provides that two servants of the testatrix shall first have the use of the money for two years without interest.

¶ *At* this court [24th October] wheras ther hath byne a letter sent vnto my L. maior vnder the handes of buchurst tresurer, lenoxe notyngam suffolke northumberland worcester devonshier, mar, howard, Cicell, homes, that the company shuld send to be at the ijd strare chamber day next wher the terme shalbe cept, certayne of our company to Awnswer vnto the court of such matters as shalbe aleged tuchyng the prehemption of

tyne and the staye of passyng of tyne and pewterer wthout the pattentes lycense, and to Awnswer and yoyne w^h the tynnars in cornwall of all Inconvenienses tuchyng bothe the tynnars and vs as apereth in the councayles letter to my lord maior the 16 of october last, the court thynketh most ffyt that mr Rychard glover, mr Robert sheppard and mr Roger glover that they accordynge to ther good dyscretions wth ther lerned councayle shall followe vppon the charge of the house, other by petition to the kyng or els in the stare chamber to shue for the good of the company to overthrowe the lycense of the pattentees.

The deputation attended before the Lord Treasurer, who handed to them "a not of the valuacyon of tyne," which was considered at a Court held on 17th September, 1604. Meanwhile the Company's efforts had been successful in procuring the King's proclamation. [See p. 42.]

At this court [20th December] it is ffound that John frethrene being a Jorneman as the company Jugged yet he hath byne a chapman in secreet and bought and sold as a houssolder, and that contrary to order hath not presented his tuch nor asked leve to open his shope the court Juggeth that he shall paye for his quartryg and search money dewe viij s. and iij s. iiij d. ffor openyng his shope and v s. for his ffyne the w^{ch} money amountyng vnto xvij s. the sayed John frethrene pmyseth to paye befor candelmas next witnesseth his owen hand the court consydryng his poverty receved x s. in ffull payment of the hole.

Of w^m smyth ffor workyng wthout a shadowe of his great whele contrary to order of court iij s. vj d.

A collection and sesment of the clothyng the yomandry as apereth ffor the charges the company is charged ffor the Etertayment of the kyng xvij li. ix s. viij d.

Item geven my l. maiors drome & ffyffe iij s. vj d.

Item geven reward to the drome and ffyffe in our barge iij s. vj d.

Item spent when we went to meet the Quene xxviij s.

Item payed mr wood the councaylor ffor twyse comyng to the hawle to the comyttes iij li.

This is the earliest mention I can find of the word Committee.

Item payed vnto the chamberlayne accordynge to a precept to make the pageauntes and other charges for the entertaynement of the kyng xvli.

Paimentes abought our sut to the kynges maiesty to suppress the prehempson of tynne.

These include journeys to Theobalds, Greenwich, Westminster, and Winchester, with cost of petitions, counsel's fees, etc., amounting in all to 25*l.* 16*s.* 2*d.*



OLD WOODEN CARVING OF THE COMPANY'S ARMS.



CARVED WOODEN BLOCK, FORMERLY BELONGING TO THE COMPANY'S BARGE.

(The initials T. G. stand for Thomas Gregg, who was Master in 1671-2.)



CHAPTER VII.

The Early Stuarts.

This was the age of pageantry, and the accession of King James I was marked by festivities of a very elaborate character in which the Companies took their usual part. Queen Elizabeth died on 24th March, 1602-3, and King James, who was then in Scotland, started without delay upon his royal progress to London, and was met at Stamford Hill, on 7th May, by the Lord Mayor, Sir Robert Lee, the Aldermen, and a sumptuous cavalcade of five hundred citizens on horseback, furnished by the Livery Companies. Each horseman wore a coat of velvet with a chain of gold about his neck, and was attended on foot by "one comely person" well apparelled. Thus attended, James rode to the Charterhouse, where he stayed four days, removing on the 11th to the Tower of London. The coronation took place on 25th July, the Royal party proceeding from the Tower to Westminster entirely by water, on account of the Plague then raging in the City. The terrible scourge broke out on the 6th July, and a fast was proclaimed on the 6th August following. During July there were 1,103 deaths in London, of which 857 were attributed to the Plague. This visitation caused 30,578 deaths in London and the suburbs, no such devastation having occurred there since 1551. The next appearance was in 1625, and again (for the last time) in 1665.

The Royal progress through London was only postponed. After the disappearance of the Plague, King James passed through the City

on the 15th March, 1604, when he and his royal Consort were received by the citizens with a most lavish and costly welcome. The contribution made by the Pewterers' Company and the expense thus involved will appear in the extracts from the Accounts.

1603-4. *Whereas* [13th March] accordyng to the will of mr John Jacson deceased gave vnto the house a house in bredstret now in the possession of oswell blunt, vnder certayne Anuetes to be payed as his will openeth mor at large Amongest them, he gave unto xpofer wylson fro' the next q^{ter} after the death of m^r Jacson xx s. a q^{tr} vnder covenantes contayned in his will the sayed xpofer mad demaund of the company for iij q^{ters} past iij li and desyered the court to pay hyme our lady daye q^{ter} to come the w^{ch} ffull some of foure poundes of lawfull money was payde the day and yere aboue wrytten.

Also at this court [10th April] mr warden steventon mr dounyng mr deuell mr staple and mr curtys mr bromley have ffull Authoritye of the court to devyse wth other companes to shewe at the charge by a collection to be gathred of the company to shew to suprese brokers and also that pewter pottes to be vsed and cannes and pottes of small mesur to be suppressed.

The following proclamation of King James I is certified in the City records (Letter Book BB, fol. 201b) as having been duly proclaimed in the City of London on 20th June, 1 James I.

By the Kinge. *Where* in a proclamacion (latelie by vs published) for considerations therein expressed we prescribed a course whereby the complaintes of our people might be taken away if the same shoulde appeare to be iustly grounded Havinge now since that time receaved particuler informacion that a graunte to certeine Patentees for the sole preempcion of Tynne was very inconveniente and full of greevance to our Lovinge subiects we after longe debate thereof before ourself & our privye councell where obiects of either side were made and where the inconveniences were laid open. Haue resolved not onlie to consider how the generality of our Subiectes might be releevd in suspension of this graunte, but how the same might be done without any iniustice to any

A proclamation
patents
for Tinne.

particular person whoe is interesste therein by vertue of letters Pattents vnder the greate seale of England Whereof wee never intende to seeke any course of revocacion but by an ordinary course of iustice in which all our people are equallie interessed In which respectes havinge comaunded the Lordes & others of our privie Councell to call before them the Patentees and then to offer them all such triall for the mainteynaunce of that Patent as the iustice of this our Realme affordeth. The said Patentees hath rather yealded in their owne duitye & discreccions to surrender the Patent than to goe aboute to maynteyne it whereof wee thought it fitt that all our good subiects sholde take notice as an Argument of our Continuall care and desire to do all things which tend to the relief of our people in any thinge whereby they receaue any manner of oppression as long as they shall dutyfully and orderlye appeale vnto vs for the same.

Given at our manner of Greenewich the xvjth day of June in the first yeare of our raigne of England Fraunce and Ireland, and in the six and thirtith of Scotland.

God Saue the Kinge.

Imprinted at London by Robert Barker Printer to the Kinges most excellent Maiestie Anno Domini 1603.

Memorandum quod vicesimo die Iunii Anno regni domini nostri Iacobi nunc Regis Anglie &c. Primo proclamata fuit ista proclamacio.

¶ At this court [19th July] wheras ther is great Inconvenyenses dependynge agaynst the state of the company of vppon dyvers hard lettes hyndraunces of ther trad the court Referreth the consyderacion of them to the consyderation of these men as ffollow as to mr Rychard glover mr dounynge mr Roger glover Abacuk Curtys mr sheppard peter brockelsby water vaghan thomas sheffield w^m webbe and John heath and that they shall devyse and put in wrytyng of such artycles and causes as they shall thynk fyt to be shued for, that thyng being done all the whole company have pmyssed to set to ther handes and to geve all the further-aunc they maye.

¶ At this court matheas pellytory was a shuter to have a prentys more then order, the court consydering as at this present the company cannot have holloware of lea to serve the sale by the meanes of the death of so many pewterers the court doth allowe hyme to have ane other aprentys and for the same he is Jugged to paye to the house xx s.

¶ At this court [9th August] ther is graunted vnto John walter to have ane other aprentys, he hath pmysed at his death to geve the house vli of lawfull money, the aprentyse is not allowed vppon that only but that he is impotent and lame that he cannot worke hyme self, and also specyally that he worketh in latten and pmyseth that yf he ever work in tynne that then he wylbe farther censured of his fyne.

¶ At this court [23rd August] it is agreed seing that ther is want of mr^s to be put in the election the court agreeth that ther shalbe thre men mor to be yoyned wth those men that have byne masters vnder these condycyons that wheras the Auncyent order of the company hath byne that every one that shuld be mast^r shuld serve thre tymes w^{den} befor that he be master nowe thorow the occasion that our auncyentes ar ded vppon great necessyty the company is forced to alter it for this present and that mr thomas Elyot mr Rychard glover mr thomas dunnyng shalbe put in election to be mr and to hyme that the election shall falle vppon consyderation that he is chosen mr and that he must serve that yere and vppon his owen he shall paye no fyne and the other two shall paye presently fyve poundes apece and so they shall never aft^r be put in election to be vpper w^{den} And herafter the Auncyent ord^r shalbe pformed that every man shall serve twyse vpper w^{den} before he be master.

This order shows with what severity the Company felt the affliction of the pestilence this year.

¶ At this court [28th August] ther was presented from my l. maior a precept to levye 112 li x s. of lawfull money of England to be levyed and gathered of the company to be lent vnto the kynge, the house being in debt And have no other meanes then to lyvye it of the company, the precept being red vnto them at a generall court called every one of the [them] sayed that they ar not Able to paye it.

At this court [8th October] wheras my lord tresurer hath dyrect a comyssyon to Sir John spencer s^r steven Soame sr w^m Rumney sr thomas myddelto and that they shuld call fower pewterers to determyne wth mr brygame wemes Conock and Anys to determyne vppon such poyntes as in the comyssion doth shewe at this generall court ar apoynted, mr thomas dunnyng mr Robert sheppard mr Roger glover and abacuk Curtys and by consent of the whole company they have Authoritye to determyne wth those gentelmen of all such matters contaynyng in the comyssyon and the whole company agreth to conferme actions forbyddyng all other of the company to meddell of Any the sayed matters in any wyse.

At this court [12th October] mr dunnyng mr sheppard mr Roger glover master Curtys beinge chosen the viijth of october last to determyne wth other comyssyonars as aperethe the sayed iiij men brought a petytion to the company w^{ch} was to be dyrected to the kynge, the sayed men ar apoynted to go the court to present it and that all charges that they shalbe at now or at any tyme hereafter the house shall bere it, her followeth the names of the company w^{ch} set to ther handes to the sayed petico. [85 names follow.]

At this court [5th November] ther was R^e a precept from my l. maior that we shuld nomynat one man for to syt wth rest of the companeys to determyne of all grevaunces of the companes, at this court mr Rychard glover was apoynted for our company.

Mr thomas
Elyot.

Wheras [13th November] the company have receved ffrom our lat master [Thomas Eliot] and iiij more of the company dyvers wronges done to the company contrary to ther othe in goverment and the comon good of the company the cercomstaunces of the same well proved befor my lord maior and the whole court of Aldermen they fyndyng his fawlt so odyous that they thought hyme not worthy not only of sarvyce any longer of his mastershippe but of farther ponyshment refferryng the same to the company farther to delyberat.

Vppon the same daye x men of the Assystaunce met together and sent for the rest of the assytaunce wth many others of the Auncyentes of

the Lyvery so that the number of xvj psons met at the hawle together who wth their ffull consentes agreed to chuse a new master accordyng to the Jugment of my l. maior and at this court the put in election [three persons, of whom Thomas Dunning was elected Master].

At this court [15th November] mr henry deucsell was called to the court as a confereat in and wth mr Elyot in all the wronges w^{ch} hath byne done to the company, and beinge ppounded to hyme whether he wold be Jugged by the bord for his offence, and he vtterly refused it whervvpon by the consent of the court he is dysmyssed of his place to be of the assystaunce and also to be any longer of the clothyng.

Also w^m smyth aboute the rest ane offender in these wronges wth mr Elyot and mr ducsell he was called and demaunded whether he wold be Jugged by the bord he vtterly refused therfor by consent dysmyssed of the clothyng.

At this court [18th December] it is graunted vnto the bedell in consyderation this last yere that he hath taken great paynes in the servyce of the company and also that he hath small doinges in the bowlyng Alley that hys rent w^{ch} he oweth for his house the last yere shalbe forgiven hyme for the last yere, And yf hereafter that the company doth se that his troubles in servyce doth Abate and that he hath better doinges in his bowlyng Alley to the Jugment of the court then he shall contynew his rent of xl s. the yere.

Item payed toward the makynge of the pageauntes . . .	v li.
Item payed ffor yallowe cotton for the banners . . .	iiij s.
Item payed more ffor charges of the pageauntes . . .	xlviij s.
Item payed vnto the carpenter ffor settynge vp and takyng downe of our fframe w th other charges . . .	xlviij s. iiij d.
Item payed to ffynysh the pageauntes . . .	xlviij s.
Item payed ffor banners ffor our standyng . . .	lv s.

1604-5. **It** was agreed [15th February] that this petition shuld be preferred to my l. maior wheras mr thomas Eliot lat mr of the company of pewterers was latly by the generall of the gretest p of the

company for Just causes as semed to them put fr^o the sayed offyce And in his steed have elected and chosen mr thomas dounyng a man of a most honest and descret cariag and of very good suffycyency orderly chosen wth a fre election and generall choyce of them all, we whose names ar vnder wrytten of the sayed company of pewterers do humbly besech your honor and worships not by any meanes whatsoever do pcure and cause the sayed mr Elyot to be restored mr of the sayed company, but rather that you wold favorably ayd and help the sayed company to wthstand that the same may not be effected for that the -generalyty holdeth hyme a most vnfyt man for goverment and a pson vnworthy of the place And we humbly pray that mr dounynge may styll remayne accordyng to our generall choyce and concentes.

The petition is subscribed by 104 names, the two Wardens heading the list. Mr. Downing was re-elected as Master for the following year.

At this court [29th July] it is agreed accordyng to the order of my l. maior that our election daye shalbe the fyrst monday in August, and monday next being the fyrst monday of August it is agreed shalbe the election daye and that they shall the same daye cepe ther quarter dynnar and ther shalbe called all the whole clothynge and ther wyves and the wydowes whose husbandes have byne of the clothynge and that shalbe payed ij s. man & wyffe and the wydowes xij d. a peece and all those that pmys to come and come not shall paye the money set downe.

At this court [12th November] w^m smyth of the mynares [Minories] was ffyned for havynge j half hunderd wayght of Iorne lese then his wayght vnder his wayng bord ijs.

J^m payed ffor makynge of a bond for 100 li taken vpe frō mr goodwyne at viij in the hunderd ij s.

J^m payed mr gryffyne ffor A yeres Interest of 100 li endyng at midsomer last viij li.

¶ Payments ffor mr newman.

J^m payed ffor his buryall the charges of sermon and other dwetes
xxxiiij s. iiij d.

J^m payed the charges of A banket for the company and paryshonars xlvj s.

Payementes of Suet to the kynge at hampton court in the Stare chambr and a bout the corporation.

There are seven items, amounting to 100*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* Two of these payments, being sums of 23*l.* 15*s.* 2*d.* and 22*s.* 6*d.* laid out in the Star Chamber, were disallowed by the Master as follows:—

Memorandum that I Thomas Ellyott m^r of the Companye of the pewtters dooe not Allow of the Expenses spent in the Stare Chamber, wrtten this 26th of September 1605.

These were not the full charges of procuring the new charter, which was not obtained until the following year. (See p. 52.)

1605-6. **@t** this court [10th April] peter brockelsby is ffyned for that he mayntayneth hys servantes to cepe fayers and markettes and buyeth and sellyth wth them befor they have lycense to open shope thefor he is ffyned to paye fyve shyllynges.

@t this court [10th May] Edward ffewtrell complayneth agaynst dawes dudley and keersey partners the controversy was determyned that keersey and hys ptners shold delyver vnto mr ffewtrell this day fortnyght such moldes as the sayed partners have of his and also at the same tyme mr fewtrell shall pay them such mettall as he oweth them.

This is an early, if not the first-mentioned, instance of trade partnership.

@t this court [24th July] walter vaghan and Raffe powell ar chosen stewardes to make a dynnar vppon thersdaye next when the kynges maiesty wth the kynge of denmark shall pase thorowe the cytty and that mr vaghan and mr powell shall make the dynnar of ther owen charge and so they shalbe dyscharged of the stewardshype of the maiors feast.

The King of Denmark, who was brother-in-law of James I, visited this country in July. The Livery Companies contributed 1,000*l.* to provide a pageant, decorate the streets, and assist in giving the King a suitable reception.

@tso wheras [11th August] the company is sessed to paye vjti towards the charges of the entertaynement of the k. of denmark the court is agreed that the house shall beere it.

At this court [11th September] olyver Robertes was a suter to have a prentys aboue his nomber and because he occupyeth the trad of broune bakynge wherby he lacketh ane other servaunt vppon w^{ch} concyderation the court is contented to take but fyve poundes of lawfull money of Ingland that is to saye iij^{li} before he shalbe bound and mr w^den Cowes geveth his word wth olyver Robertes to paye xl s. more by x s. a quarter and the fyrst payment to begyne at crystmas next and so payinge his presentment smyth Andrew is allowed his aprentys.

Wheras [21st November] our shut dependyng in the court of Requestes betwyxt vs and Crystofer browghton, the xth of novembr the matter was hard Judycally and ane order was mad by his maiestes counccyle that they thought good that we being defendauntes shuld be moved to some reosanable composytion tuchyng his pretended tyle to the howses in question, they ordred that we shuld call acourt of Assystaunce to consult what they wold do tuchyng the matter, and at this present court the ij wardens being present and vij more of the assystaunce, wth the consent of our mr and iij of the Assystaunce in durance and also of the rest of the Assystaunce beinge absent we do all agre to stand to the lawe hopyng to enyoye the land w^{ch} we have deerly bought and not to geve hyme any composition at all.

R^e of mr John Steward ffor his yeres rent of a Seller in the hawle xxiiij s.

R^e off Edward ffewtrell a ffyne for makyng laye xj graynes worse then the saye iij li.

J^m seized of ij porryngers of James Joanes viij graynes worse then the saye for w^{ch} R^e v s.

J^m payed to mr wilcockes ffor Quytrent ffor our two houses in Canwyck street xxvij s. iij d.

J^m we Ask Allowaunce ffor clenynge the pewter x s.

J^m payed vnto mr speryng as by precept ffrom my l. maior ffor makynge the pageant vj li.

1606-7. At this court [2nd July] matheas pellytory havynge mad lea 16 graynes worse then the saye a slaunder to the company & a wronge to the company therfor he is fyned to paye xx s. for the

fyrst fyne & also to chang his touch, and ffor the payment of the same mr ducsell & mr staple gave ther wordes to paye it by x s. apeece at michaelmas next.

At this [6th July] dudley keersey & dawes beinge partners have mad laye worse then saye 17 graynes the ar fyned to paye ffor it xl s. that is to saye xij s. iiij d. apeece and that they shall Alter ther tuch and set the yere of our lord vppon the tuch.

Item pd ffor peake & tynne to make assaye vjd.

Charges off Shut in the court of request agaynst xpofer browghton.

This suit involved the large outlay of 21*l.* 12*s.* 9*d.*, made up of thirty-three items. Christopher Broughton laid claim to the houses in Candlewick Street which the Company bought of Mr. Newman. In the course of the proceedings the Master and others were sent to prison and the services of the Recorder were procured to plead for their release. The Company appears to have won the cause, and behaved generously to Broughton, who besought their charity two years afterwards. [See page 53.]

Item we ffynd the house endebted vnto mr gryffyn ffor j C li taken vp at Intrest at 8 ii p cento dewe at midsomer j C viij li.

1607-8. **At** this court [16th January] mr doctor wood of his ffrewyll to the contentment of the court of Assystaunce gave his consent to be sworne of the Assystaunce and by the consent of the whole court to ther well lykyng he was sworne and accepted to be of the Assystaunce.

Dr. Wood was the "parson" of St. Dionis, the Company's parish church.

At this court [28th January] it is graunted vnto mr Rychard staple wth the consent of mr John cowdwell & mr nicolas bowyar our wrden that he shall have ther places in the table, and go befor them, and wher mr Roger glover hath the lyke place beyng chosen warden befor hyme, the cause hath byne a great dysquetnes vnto the company in consyderation wherof, and also to have those thre places mr staple is to paye ffor a fyne of the yongar wardenshye and to have those iij places ffyve poundes of lawfull money of England.

The Company were ordered by the Lord Mayor to provide 60 quarters of corne & at a Court held 31st May the Court assessed the amount to be paid by the livery & yeomanry, the total assessment being 60*l*.

At this court [8th June] it is agreed that shut shalbe mad vnto my l. tresurer that wheras vnderstandyng is geven that ther is an Imposytion layed vppon tyne & pewter, that mr warden bowyar mr thos dounyng the elder & John heath shall folow the shut of it at the companes charge. Afterward M^r doctor [Wood] to the contentment of the court dyd offer hyme selfe to be the fourth man yf ned shalbe.

At this court [30th June] vppon the shut of thomas meare to have the courts goodwill that he myght pas over the offyce of bedle to John greaves, it fell out farther that mr Rychard Randall dyd chalenge a farther grace of the company, ffor passefyinge of the sayed matter, the offyce of bedleshyp is graunted vnto John greaves to the contentment of thomas meare, and it is agred that out of the money that John greaves shall pay to Rychard Randall out of the money that he ought to paye thomas meare fyve poundes of lawfull mone of England and that those romes that w^m milles hath hertofore possed that he shall enyoy them wth the better.

At this court [21st September] it is ffully agreed by the consent of the whole court that all tynne w^{ch} shalbe cast in to barres to be transported that the casters of the sayed barres we meane the sellers of the sayed barers w^{ch} casted them in his house or elswher shall paye vj d. vppon every hunderd to the mr & w^dens & comynalty of the fremen of the pewterers of london, And yf in case any such sellars of barres do fradulently deceve the company of vj d. a hunderd & sell more then he geveth account for that then the sayed offendr shall paye ijs. vj d. for every hunderd wayght so found.

At this [20th October] wheas w^m milles thorowe the vnthryftynes of his sone is Indebted vnto dyvers men to the valewe of xx^{ty} poundes, I thanke god the company is so good vnto me that they ar all agred that the house shall pay it that is to mr [blank] dwellyng in the powltry ix^{ti} to mr d wood xl s. to mr lumney xxx s. to mr [blank] in paternoster Roe xxx s, and vti w^{ch} he oweth to the house of the poores money.

Be of mr burt bound prentis to mr Cowes nowe claymyng his fredome x yeres after his servyce	iiij li
Item to mr wood the councaylor his ffee yerly	xl s.
Item to mr whitney our Atorney his yerly ffee	xxvj s. viij d.
Item to mr wycharley for that he being steward mad great chere the house allowed to hyme	xxx s.
Item payed at the kynges Armes spent ffor the honor of the kynges berth daye over & aboue xl s. geven by Raffe walker to be dyscharge of stewardeshipe	iiij li iiij s. iiij d.
Item pd as maye [? appear] ffor our newe ordenaunces and ffor the Ingrosynge of them	xliij li v s. vj d.

The Ordinances or Bye-Laws were approved and granted to the Company by Lord Ellesmere, Lord Chancellor, and Chief Justices Sir Thomas Fenning and Sir Edward Coke, under the Act of the 19th Henry VII, which is recited. The instrument is dated 1 August, 5 James I, 1607, is written in English, and contains thirty-four provisions followed by forms of the various oaths.

Item spent in caryng & facyng the corporation	iiij s. x d.
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This was the charter of King James I, granted to the Company and dated 30th December in the fourth year of his reign, 1606. It recites and confirms previous charters, but grants no new privileges.

Item spent at severall tymes by water & other expenses going to Sir vyncent skynnar	xiiij s. vj d.
Item spent at our search at our lady ffayer	vij s. vj d.
Item pd ffor vj half qr ^{ter} sackes ffor corne	xiiij s.
Item pd lost by bakynge of bread	xviij d.
Item spent going to S ^r Julius cesar	ij s.
Item pd ffor lattys ffor the corne loft	xiiij s. xj d.
Item pd achymney sweper for swepyng all the chymnes in the house	ij s.
Item payed vnto the paynter ffor payntyng the hawle and perlar vij li. xviij s. ij d.	

1608-9. *Also* at this court [19th January] wth generall consent it is graunted that John greaves our bedell shall wear a lyvery hood as other bedeles of companes do.

At this court [9th February] wheras m^r xpöfer broughton hath byne a petycyonar to the company to be releved in charytey and was hartely sorowfull that he followed shut agaynst the company shuyng for lands w^{ch} we bought of mr newman recovered in the court of request the court seyng his great submyssyon and consydering of his great poverty the court doth geve hyme in charyty fyve poundes of lawfull money of England.

At this court [8th March] the controversy betwyxt Andrew ffullam and John brewrton was hard & the cause being defycult they ar both referred to the lawe.

At this generall court [30th March] it is refferred vnto mr Rychard glover mr Roger glover mr staple & mr heath to open the greffes of the company and to confer wth the kynges agents & farmars and yf that they cannot fro⁷ them have releffe then they shall seke it fro me l. tresurer.

Wheras [23rd May] John stansby desyered to have mettell to worke the court havyng pytty of hyme doth promys vnto mr sheppard that in case he doth delyver John stansby xxviijth of mettall the house shall se hyme satysfied, and John stansby he pmyseth at michaelmas next he wyll paye it out of his pensyon.

This daye [30th May] at the request of thomas harvest vnder waterbaly [Under Water Bailiff] And accordyng to a former graunt of this court It is ordered that Symond fforman shalbe mad fre of this cytty by redempcion in the company of pewterers paying to mr chamberlayne to the cyttyes vse vjs. viij d. [The above is] the true coppy of Ane order befor my l. maior & the court of Aldermen Sir humfry wyle maior. Sebryght.

At this court mr Symond forman ffor vppon the fformer order was sworne & mad fre of our company and he pmyseth to geve vnto the company a peece of plat to the contentment of the company.

At this court [3rd July] wheras my lord maior hath sent a precept dated the fyrst of July for the company to nomynat iiij dyscret psones

to confer wth iiij of every one of the companes of London for Ireland as derry & other places in Ireland the court doth chuse of our company mr Rychard glover mr Lewes Randall mr Roger glover & mr John cowdwell.

At this court [23rd November] it is ffully agreed that the howse shall make a farther Allowaunce to thre men to accompany the mr & wrdens to dyne wth my lord maior and that the house allowe them xx s. apeece as is & hertofor hath byne allowed to the mr & wrdens.

Ifm pd accordynge to a precept ffrom my l. maior for buyldynge of garnetes for corne in brydewell. xij ti.

Ifm spent being called to yeld hawle for verginya iij s. vj d.

In the Plantation of Virginia, as in that of Ulster, the Companies of London took a leading part. By their efforts the Virginia Company was more than once saved from financial ruin.

1609-10. **Wheras** [22nd February] by coman councayle graunted my lord maior hath sessed our company for the sarvyce of Ireland presently to paye vnto mr chamberlayne xxx ti one payment of 120 ti w^{ch} we ar sessed to paye the court agreth that the house shall disburse the fyrst payment in trust and hereafter at the next payment all to be sessed accordyng to the precept & as the court shall thynk most fyttyng.

At this court [28th February] ther was presented a petition to be red w^{ch} was red and cause found to have it altered and after to be dd to the lord tresurer, and the court agreeth that the mr & wrdens shall present it to my lord and the court also not to spend any penny of the house charge & mr staple hath vndertaken to beer the charge of the shut so far forth that he may take the fre wyll guyft of the company as wylllyngly wilbe contrybuters.

At this court [21st March] it is agreed that the pcedynges & paymentes of Ireland causes shalbe payed by the company by sesment and at this court ther ar poynted sessors for the livery our mr & wardens of the livery mr steward mr dounyng & mr Cowdwell for the livery and the mr & wardens of the yomandry and any two whom the wyll apoynt, and the court agreed that the livery shalbe sessed to paye xxxv ti and

the yomandry shall sease them for xxvli and this seasment is but for vj monthes for one payment payed and for this second payment for our lady daye next.

¶ this court [24th April] wheras dyvers psons have broken ane order mad by my l. tresurer that ther shuld be put to worke to the poore of the company thowsand [*sic*] of pewter at the dyscretion of the mr & wrdens to ther pffyt of xiiij s. the C & wheras dyvers have offended & broken the mr & wardens tyckettes and not delyvered ware frō the pytte at ix s. the hunderd therfor it is ordered that all those that have not delyvered that they shall paye to those who haue the allottment vs. for every hunderd wayght not dd this money to be payed to the mr & wrdens & they to dystribut it.

¶ this court [7th May] wheras by order from my l. tresurer that mr wolstenholme and mr Ingrame shuld accordyng to the order of my l. that they shuld determyn what mr Atmeyr shuld have for the removynge of his pytte from the fermars house at the woole key they dyd determyne & order xxij^{ti} x s. of lawfull money of England was layed out by the house mad [*sic*] the last of January last past now at this court it is ordred that the xxij^{ti} x s. shalbe levyed vppon thos herafter that shall cast tyne & they shall paye over & aboue vj d. vppon a hunderd to the poor they shall paye ij d. vpon a hunderd to the house vntyll the xxij^{ti} x s. be payed.

¶ this court [20th September] wheras dyvers of the company vppon occation of servyce of the company weer sued in the stare chambr & that some of them have layed out 70^{ti} over & aboue in charges then others as mr dounyng xxx li mr Rychard glover xx^{ti} & mr Roger glover xx^{ti} the w^{ch} money is agreed that the house shall paye as conveniently as can be.

℞ ffor ffynes of dyvers absent at pawles one the kynges daye. iiij s.

℞ of nicolas Joanes a ffyne ffor oprobious wordes agaynst his brother James Joanes iiij s. iiij d.

℞ the lyke of James Joanes agaynst nicolas iiij s. iiij d.

℞ off w^m whit of Roderame mad fre by his fathers coppye for the quartryges of his ffather xxxij s.

℞ of ffraunces kymberley ffor pcuryng awaye antony williames customer vnorderly xl s.

R^e of mr ffeld and his partner ffor the vse of the garnet vj monthes &
 od weekes lv s.
 Itm pd ffor to trumpeters ffor the barge xx s.
 Itm pd to mr gryffyne ffor Intrest of j C li for ij yeres xx li.
 Itm payed going to meet the prynce for barge & other charges as apereth
 by byll iiij li. ix s. viij d.

In the repairs effected this year the Company departed from the old practice of purchasing the materials and employing artificers, and gave the work out to master tradesmen. They were an ironmonger, carpenter, bricklayer, plasterer, and plumber, and each supplied his own materials.

1610-11. At this court [14th March] vppon the gracysous order .of my l. tresurer for the good of the poore of the company it was ordred that the poor of the company shuld vppon the Alotment of the mr & wrdens shuld have [no amount] wayght at ix s. a hundderd workmanshpy vppon the sayd mr ducsell mr Roger glover mr staple Robert burton & John child were found in fault vppon w^{ch} they wer Jugged to by fyned as they knowe well, therfor it is ordred that in case the mak not present payment that then by our order we agre that at the next allotment we shall make to the poores vse such abatment of ther porcyon as wyll countervayle ther fynes.

At this court [4th April] it was ordered by a generall consent that at all tymes hereafter the tryflers shall have for ther ware as they do delyver to the company presently mettall & money and vppon the complaynt of any of those tryflers w^{ch} ar not so payed it is ordered that they shall have x d. a pound for ther mettall and also to be fynd at the dyscretion of a court of Assystaunce.

Also it is agred at this court [18th July] that out of the castynge of the barres that ther shalbe x^{ti} of money recerved w^{ch} shalbe employed into lynnyn as table clothes & napkyns being nowe decayed.

At this [3rd September] humfry weetwood havynge byne in the kynges sarvyce in the lowe countres this seven yeres & nowe submytted hymeselfe to the court, he is amytted agayne to be abrother of the company and to [sic] as a brother in his trad.

Whereas [15th October] George Smithe m^r of the yeomanry, henry Glou^r, Edward Glou^r and John Child wardens of the yeomanry accordinge to the orders of the Hall should haue made a dynn^r at theire owne Charge fo^r the m^r wardens, & the whole Companie in gen^lall, It is ordered & agreed that in Consideracon thereof the sd^d mr & wardens of the yeomanry shall buye at theire owne prop charge a neast o sil^lur Cupps for wyne to the value of x^l & the same to bring in forthwth agreed by the said mr & wardens & Assistant^e that they shall haue allowed them at the hall charge the some of ffortie shilling^e toward^e theire charge of the banckett at the elecconⁿ of the new mr & wardens of the yeomanry.

It is alsoe ordered and agreed vppon [12th November] by the m^r wardens and Court of Assistant^e that the said will^m Brome ou^r Clercke shall haue for his yearlie wages the some of Twentie pounds by yeare, to be paid quarterlie forth of the house money by the hand^e of the mr & wardens for the tyme beinge. Provyded notwthstandinge that yf yt soe should chance the said will^m Brome to de^pt and leave the Clerckshipp of this Companie . That then this some of xx^l beinge allowed vnto him out of the meere affeccōn & love of the Companie shall stand as noe p^sident to anie that shall Sucseede him, but the same fee to bee in force at the discrecōn of the Companie as yt was in the tyme of will^m mylles ou^r late Clerck deceased.

It agreed vppon at a court to be payed out of the bare [bar] money that w^{ch} was payed ffor mr Atmeyer pytte removed xxij li. x s.

It spent in repayryng of the hawle as apereth by bylles of expenses
xxij s. xj d.

It pd mr dounyng mr steward mr Rychard glover mr Roger glover
 mr hardman mr ffullam mr heath x li apeece and the [they] mad the
 quyttaunces & quyt claymed of all matters tuchynge affayers of the
 stare chamber 70 li.

1611-12. On 10th February, 1611, at a general Court, the Master, Wardens, and ten others were appointed to act for the whole Company in the negotiations with the "Councill of Revenue" to whom had been referred the Company's petition to the King for "allowance of Tynne."

On 7th March the Court considered a petition made to the King by Joseph Brumley "That the ffarmoⁿ should deliur^r forthe fourescore thow3 w^{ght} of Tynne to be wrought into Pewter by the workmen of the Companie and the same by them soe wrought to be taken backe by the ffarmoⁿ to be transported or oth^rwyse sould at their pleasures, And that the sd Bromley wth his confederat^e are contented to give fo^r Tynne fo^r the seruice of the land what higher pryzes his highnes Councill of Revenue shalbe pleased to lymitt & sett downe."

This petition tending in the opinion of the Court to the utter overthrow of the Company, a counter petition was ordered to be presented to frustrate Bromley's wicked purpose.

At a Court on 16th March thirteen members were chosen on behalf of the Company to "worke their best meanes to his highnes to become vndertakers fo^r 4 hundr: thow3 w^{ght} of Tynne yearly to be deliued vnto them as vpon agreem^t wth the R: wo^{ll} S^r Charles Cornwallis k^t made payinge after the Rate of 3^l. 17s. 06d. the Cth w^{ght}.

At this Courte [3rd April] Mr. Adryan Moore one of the Agents for the prince ppounded vnto the companie in genall from his highnes Councill of Revenue, That his highnes was pleased to graunte vnto the Companie of soe muche Tynne as they could worke into Pewter wthout stinct, either fo^r the land or transportacōn & at the Rate of 04^l. 05s. the Cth w^{ght}. And the same to Contynue for 6 monethes & soe from 6 monethes to 6 monethes contynuallie Soe that non of the companie Conveye away fo^r transportacōn secretlie anie Tynne vnwrought eith^r in barres or Gobbetts or by anie oth^r indirect courses or meanes whatsoever That then theis indirect courses beinge found to be Comitted eithe^r by 3 or 4 of the Companie & the pties punished fo^r the same offence. That yf afterwards the lyke offence should be Comitted as before recyted, That then his highnes pleasure is that the same Tynne soe allowed should come to the rate of 4^l. 10s. the Cth, or to an allotm^t of ffoure hundr. thow3: w^{ght} yearlie at the rate of 4^l. 5s. the Cth in regard of suche abuses and not before. Provyded alwayse that non fetch v^p suche Tynne but suche as be shoppkeeps & those w^{ch} worke yt either them selues or by their servants or workemen. In allowance whereof we haue herevnto putt o^r hands. [Signed by 75 members of the Company.]

The penalty threatened above caused a strict oversight by the Company. Robert Glover was sent to prison (13th November) for secretly "packinge awaye of muche Tynne in barres."

The Court [7th April] allowed William Browne the Clerk a fee of 2*s.* 6*d.* for each pair of apprenticeship indentures on his giving up the usual Christmas gathering for his salary. The fees were later [24th November] ordered to be paid in open Court.

On 30th April a large quantity of base pewter was seized at Edward Benson's house, some trenchers being 4, 5, and 11 grains "worse than fyne," Spanish trenchers 7 grains below the "fine" standard, and "ruffe trenchers 17 graynes worse than lea to defraude the poore workemen of the Company." He was fined 3*ol.*, the bad ware being seized and taken to the Hall.

On 5th June the Court considered a letter from Sir C. Cornwallis announcing the King's pleasure that 100,000 weight of tin should come to London to be allotted to each member of the Company according to his requirements stated under his hand.

On 15th July was held "A meeteinge for the eleccõn of workemen for transportaõn worke."

In a column, under the heading "workemen," are 33 names without any allotment of pewter. The opposite column is as follows:—

Worke maist ^{rs}	weight
M ^r Rich: Glover . . .	2000
M ^r Rog ^r Glove ^r . . .	2000
M ^r W ^m Hardeman . . .	800
Henr: Cowes . . .	600
Edw ^d Boylson . . .	1000
W ^m Kent . . .	1000
Robt Burton . . .	1500
Antho: Sykes . . .	1000
John Heath . . .	2000
ffrance Greaves . . .	1000
Tho: Smyth . . .	1500
M ^r Rich: Staples . . .	1000
M ^r Henr: Duxell . . .	1000
Andr ffulhm . . .	1000

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Worke maist ⁿ	w ^{ght}
John Chyld	500
Mr Sheppd	500
Jo: Twyst	1000
Jo: Robyns	600
S ^m total 20000 w ^{ght} of Tynne.	

It is ordered that what great^r quantetie ou^r & aboue this allowance of 20000 w^{ght} anie pson abouesd^t can transporte, yt shalbe lawfull fo^r him or them to doe the same.

The 30th July John Greaves "our Beadle" was on his petition allowed the benefit of farming the quarterage, "paying y^lie to the use of the hall the some of viij^l & to ou^r m^r & wardens at eu^eie search beinge 5 tymes in the yeare the some of xx s. in all 13^l."

For the Lord Mayor's day this year there were chosen, on 19th October, 6 whiffiers to go before the livery "to avoyd trouble in the streets."

In primis given to the Beadle of the ffishmongⁿ as a benovelence vppon the surrendringe vp of his house in Gregorie Allye ij l.

Itm paid toward^e a neast of Boules w^{ch} they [the Master and Wardens of the Yeomanry] were to give vnto the Companie x s. viij d.

Itm paid to a Beadle of Brydewell fo^r whippinge w^m kinge man beinge a notable offendo^r ij s. vj d.

Itm paid fo^r a new daye booke fo^r the companie v s. ix d.

Itm paid to Anthonie Tayle^r beinge money laid out by him at the Tynn house fo^r tynne at the seaing^e [assaying] of m^r Glou's barres xij d.

1612-13. A burdensome custom was abolished at a court held on 14th January. "Whereas heretofore by custome younge men of the companie at theire makeinge ffree haue invyted to dynn^r the m^r wardens and assistants of the Companie, as well to the greate charge of them soe made free as alsoe to the Companie," the Court decided that a fee of 6s. 8d. should in future be paid and that the old custom should cease.

The marriage of James I's daughter, the Princess Elizabeth, to Frederick the Elector Palatine, took place on 14th February, having been postponed on account of the death of her brother Henry Prince of Wales

on 6th November. The Company was ordered [29th January] to furnish 14 men to be trained in the Artillery yard for taking part in the "Triumphe" on the occasion.

At meeteinge [27th February] before m^r dco^r wood maist^r of o^r companie & m^r John Cowdewell warden; of certen tryffleres for the Syzeinge of wares. Vizt: Chosen for that purpose.

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| 1. M ^r Hughe Newton | 7. M ^r W ^m Hyllē |
| 2. M ^r Thoms Parratt | 8. W ^m Hatfeild |
| 3. M ^r Geo: Smyther | 9. W ^m Rydge |
| 4. M ^r Gabr: Butcher | 10. W ^m Granger |
| 5. M ^r Henr: Glover | 11. James Jones |
| 6. M ^r Edw'd Glover | 12. John Goodwyn |

At w^{ch} tyme was Syzed by them theis seūall pcells of Tryffles as followe vizt:

	Great duble bells w th pep boxes & baules the	fl	
	halfe dozen to weighe	00	09 00
	Greate duble Bells plaine ha: doz	00	06 di
	Middle dubble w th bawles ha: doz	00	06 00
Saultes	Middle dubble plaine y ^e halfe doz:	00	04 di
	Smale duble the ha: doz:	00	03 di
	Greate single ha: doz:	00	06 00
	Middle single the ha: doz:	00	03 di
	Smale single ha: doz:	00	02 3 q ^{trs}
	The wrought Acorne salt the ha: doz:	00	04 00
Coffin	The great Chapnut y ^e h: doz:	00	01 di
Saultes	The smale y ^e ha: doz:	00	01 00
Beake's	The greate beake ^r wrought ha: doz:	00	04 di q ^{rter}
	Great beake ^r plaine h: doz:	00	05 di q ^{rter}
	Middle beake ^r y ^e ha: doz:	00	03 q ^{rter}
	Smale beake ^r y ^e ha: doz:	00	02 3 q ^{rter}
Crewyts & measures.	Childrens beake's wrought y ^e ha: doz: plaine	00	01 di q ^{rter}
	Plaine	00	01 00
Bowles & Cuppes.	The great beere bowle y ^e ha: doz:	00	06 0 q ^{rter}
	The smale	00	04 di d q ^{rter}
	The large wrought Cupps ha: doz:	00	03 d qr

			ft	
	The middle french Cupp ha: doz:	00	03	00
	The smale french Cupp: h: doz:	00	02	o q ^{tr}
	The highe wyne Cupps ha: doz: wrought & plaine both one syze	00	03	00
	The Cutt shorte plaine & wrought both one syze	00	03	00
Ould fashion candlesticks	Ordinarie highe candlesticks to weighe by peare	00	03	o q ^{tr}
	Greate middle p p ^e	00	02	o di
	Greate pyller p p ^e	00	03	00
	Smale middle p p ^e	00	02	di q ^{tr}
	Middle pyller p p ^e	00	02 di	00
Geo : Smythe.	Greate new fashion p p ^e	00	03	00
	Smale fashion p p ^e	00	02 di	00
	Great bell p p ^e	00	03 di	00
	Lowe bell p p ^e	00	02	00
	Greate Wryteinge p p ^e	00	01 di	00
	Midd wryteinge p p ^e	00	01	00
	Smale wryteinge p p ^e	00	00	3 qr
Candle- sticks w th hawles	Grawnd p p ^e	00	04 di	00
	Ordinarie highe p p ^e	00	03	o q ^{tr}
	Greate middle p p ^e	00	02	o di
	Smale middle p p ^e	00	02	o q ^{tr}
	Greate wryteinge p p ^e	00	01	o di
Spowt potts.	The pottle p peece	00	08	o q ^{tr}
	The q ^{tr} te p peece	00	03	00
	The p ^u p peece	00	02	00
	The halfe p ^u p peece	00	01	o q ^{tr}
Ewres.	Greate Hawkesbill p peece	00	02	o q ^{tr}
	Smale Hawkesbill p peece	00	02	00
	Greate Ravensbill p peece.	00	02	o qr
	Smale Ravensb: p peece	00	02	00
	Gr. ffrenche p peece	00	02	o qr
	Smale french p peece	00	02	00
not syzed.	New fashion greate & smale as the hawkesbills			
Sawcers.	Greate sawce's p doz:	00	03	o qr

		ft	
	Midd: sawc's: p doz:	00	02 o qr
	Smale sawc's p doz:	00	01 di oo
New fashion tankerd potts & cawdle cupps.	New ffashion thurndell p peece	00	02 di d qr
	New quarts p peece	00	02 qr d qr
	New halfe thurnedells p peece	00	01 3 qr
	New greate p ^{ts} p peece	00	01 di oo
	New smale p ^{ts} p peece	00	01 qr ^{tr} di qr
	New halfe p ^{ts} p peece	00	01 oo
	Cawdle potts w th joynts	00	01 oo
	Cawdle potts w th Rings p doz:	00	10 oo
	Hooped Thurndells p peece	00	02 di oo
	Greate hooped quarts p peece	00	02 o qr
	Winchest ^r quart w th lidd p peece	00	02 oo
	Winchest ^r q ^{ate} w th out Lydd	00	01 o di
	Winchest ^r p ^t w th lidd p peece	00	01 o di
	Winchester p ^t w th out lydd p peece.	00	01 oo
	Longe hooped Winchest ^r pyntes p peece	00	01 o qr
	Jeayes danske potts p peece	00	02 oo
Porrings.	Greate eared porring's p doz	00	05 oo
	Greate flower de luce p doz:	00	08 oo
	Smale p doz:	00	05 oo
	The three leafe grasse eare p doz:	00	07 oo
	Greate ringe p doz:	00	08 oo
	Middle p duz:	00	06 oo
	Smale p duz:	00	05 oo
Goddards	Greate goddards w ^t do'phin eare p doz	00	05 o qr
	Smale p duz:	00	04 oo
	Vpright goddard p duz:	00	05 o qr
	Smale vpright p doz:	00	03 di oo
	Round goddard p doz:	00	05 oo
Neast of Tuñes.	W th sawlites & feete p neaste	00	02 di oo
	W th Covers & feete p neaste	00	02 o qr
	The 3 Cuppes w th theire cou's onelye	00	02 oo
	The wrought nest Tuñes w th saulte & feete	00	02 di oo
	The oth ^r to be wrought as before		

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Coffin	Great Coffin Saultes p peece	oo	o1	oo	
saultes.	Midd : saultes p peece	oo	oo	3 qr ^{un}	
	Smale p peece	.	.	.	.	oo	di		
Bellyed	Greate p peece								
cawdle	Middle p peece								
cuppes	Smale p peece								
not syzed.	Great p peece								
Jugg potts	Middle p peece								
not syzed.	Smale p peece								
Crewytts.	ffo ^r oyle & vyneg ^r p peece to weighe	.	.	.	.	oo	oo	3 qr	
Measures.	Aquavitæ measures p doz	.	.	.	.	oo	o2	oo	
Stoole	Greate p peece	.	.	.	.	oo	o5 di	oo	
panns.	Middle p peece	.	.	.	.	oo	o4	oo	
	Smale middle pann	.	.	.	.	oo	o3 di	oo	
	Smale pann p peece	.	.	.	.	oo	o3	oo	

At a general Court held on 7th March it was agreed that the above bill "for syzeing of wares . . . shall from this tyme forward be well allowed of, & that eu^{ie} brother of this Companie vseinge to worke the lyke wares before recyted, shall make noe oth^r fo^r sale, then by this he ys lymitted; And furth^r fo^r the avoydinge of suche inconveniencs as form^{lie} hath growne thereby, And the rather to satisfie the Court that from this tyme the makeinge of such sleight ware ys ceased, yt is lykewyse ordered & agreed vnto that eu^{ie} mans ould Tuche shalbe p^{nt}lie brought into the Hall, & new Tuches wth difference there to be strucke to the purpose aforesaid. All w^{ch} to be done before the 13th daye of this moneth. And whoe soe offendeth in this order suche punishm^t to be inflicted vpon him as the Court shall awarde."

At the same Court it being reported that the price of tin was so high that the poor of the Company could not live thereby, the Master with the Wardens and others were empowered to approach the King to obtain the tin at a better rate.

At a Court on 11th March William Lobb was sent to the Compter for making beer bowls 30 grains worse than fine in the foot, and 3 grains worse in the body.

On 17th April the Company were in high hopes of obtaining from the King a grant of 400 thousand weight of tin at the rate of 3*l.* the cwt., and ordered that every freeman should contribute to the cost of procuring the letters patent.

The Court agreed on 8th May to raise the salary of John Greaves the Beadle "in regard of his much Travell & paines taken daylie in the companies affaires" to 8*l.* per annum.

At the same Court, John Chylde, who had failed in his promise to give his apprentice Samuel Hammond a "shute of apparell & a cloake" at the expiration of his term of service, was ordered to pay him instead the sum of 50*s.*

On the 17th June the Court again resolved to approach the King and his Council for an abatement of the price of tin "in regard that the ymposition of 15 *s.* vpon a C^{w^{ht}} for this ye^re and half last past & the small difference of pryce betwixt the pewte^r vsed & wrought in the land, and the Tynne transported beyond the Seas, ys a greate decaie and vtter vndoeinge to the Companie yf yt should soe contynue."

A precept was received (6th August) from the Lord Mayor for payment of 60*l.*, the Company's quota towards the expenses of managing the Irish estates. In the absence from London of Mr. Middleton, who held the lands of the Company under a sub-lease, it was resolved to pay the money out of the Hall stock.

William Dixson having sold to the Earl of Worcester a "lymbeck" weighing 13 $\frac{1}{4}$ lbs. which was found to be of base metal, he was ordered (19th August) to allow for a new one weighing 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ lbs. more, and to pay 18*s.* for and towards its workmanship.

The Master and Wardens of the Yeomanry were ordered (12th October) to provide three silver drinking bowls weighing 41 $\frac{3}{4}$ ounces, at 5*s.* 7*d.* the ounce, instead of giving an election dinner.

J^{fm} paid to the Clarke of ou^r companie for his whole yeres wages due at Midsomer last past xx*l.*

J^{fm} given and allowed by the Companie as a benevolence to the lord maio^r 6 of the Assistant^e dyneinge w^t him vj*l.*

Item paid fo' bryde money fo' the ladie Elizabeth xxx s.

Item spent in charge on 14 Souldie's beinge chosen ag^t the Tryvmpe of the marriage of the la. Eliz. v l. xvij s. ij d.

The Elector visited the City, and was entertained at Guildhall, on Lord Mayor's Day, 1612, but the marriage was postponed, as stated on p. 60. The festivities included shows and fireworks on the water, with masks and revels at Whitehall, which are described in a little book of the Pageant of contemporary date.

Item given 5 of the lyūie towarde theire charge at the dyneinge wth the lo: maio^r 1 s.

1613-14. A letter was read (4th May) from the Privy Council and the Lord Mayor "intreating a furtherance fo' thaffaires in Virginea", when it was decided that those of the Company who did not voluntarily contribute should be assessed at the discretion of the Master and Wardens.

Towards a benevolence to the King the Company were (1st July) assessed at 30*li*. The sum was, in compliance with the Lord Mayor's precept, to be saved by discontinuing feasts for six months.

The following curious letter was addressed by the Company to the Tin Farmers :

@fte ou^r hartie Co^m we the m^r & Wardⁿe of the Companie of Pewterer^e London doe hereby Certefie That about the vth daie of August last past one Thoms Smythe a broth^r of o^r Companie did then buye of the ffermore of Tynne att the Custome howse London one blocke of Tynne m^ked W.B. No : 871 . letter A wgh^o ij : pte whereof haueing p^{nt} occa^õn to melt hath thereby aswell to the greate losse & hyndrance of himselfe as alsoe the disapointeing manni of his Customers vtterlie spoyled a whole pytt of mettle con^t ix^c di wherewth fyndeing himselfe soe muche dampnified brought the Remaind^r of the said Blocke and the markes thereof to the Hall of o^r Companie wher yt was iustlie & exactlie tryed & seade [assayed] by vs the m^r and wardens wth Assistant^e of o^r Companie, And soe by vs found in eich Cth wgh^t of the sd Blocke 30^{ll} of leade w^{ch} doth

debase & make yt worse then good Tynne xx s. in eith^r Cth thereof w^{ch} being melted wth Cth w^{ght} of good Tynne hath thereby dampnified the ptie ou^r and aboue the sd Some of xx s. in either Cth w^{ght} the Some of 4^l. whereof we wishe speedie satisffaccon to the ptie this greeved wth reformacon of the lyke wronge w^{ch} one m^r Chylde abrother of ou^r Companie. & others haue of late sustained Or otherwyse assure yo^rselues there wilbe a speedie course by Comp^t taken therein And soe we bidd yoⁿ farewell from Pewterers Hall this xijth of August 1614.

The Company also gave a certificate to Richard Staples (6th September) of damage to the extent of 20s., arising by his purchase from the farmers at the Custom House, London, of a block of tin weighing 3 cwt. 2 qrs. 5 lbs., which had a large proportion of dross.

The receipts for this year contain, besides the accustomed payments of 2s. for binding each apprentice and 3s. 4d. for opening shops, a new charge of 6s. 8d. for every freeman sworn and admitted. Those admitted, as the two following entries show, paid an extra 2s. 6d., making a total fee of 9s. 2d.

Receaved of Thom^s Sellman sonne of W^m Sellman sworne & made free by his fath^rs Copie vj s. viij d.

Rec^d lykewyse of him for patromonie according to Custome ij s. vj d.

The Cause of the Companies meeting at this tyme (7th November) was to know eu^rie mans opynion fo^r & Concerninge an answere to be made vnto S^r ffulke Grevill fo^r the takeing y^erlie 500000 w^{ght} of Tynn to be fetcht in Cornewall . w^{ch} course is to the good lykeing of the Companie in gen^lall.

Several makers of "lay" were found guilty (10th November) of adulterating their metal, and were ordered to bring their touches to the Hall and there to strike a new touch marked with "this yere of 1614," that it "maie be knowne whoe were the offende^rs therein."

The Company were negotiating (28th November) for 500,000 weight of tin to be obtained if possible at 18s., but at no higher rate than 20s., "w^{ch} wilbe 4^l. on eu^rie Cth w^{ght}." They were successful in obtaining this quantity of metal yearly for a term of five years, but at what rate does not appear.

~~Exchequer~~ att this Courte (8th December) Will^m Cornewell [and 4 others] had deliv^d vnto them by orde^r of this Court The true sea [assay] of the howse & ther Armes strooke thervpon the better to avoyd all future erro^rs hereafte^r.

1614-15. On the 14th February the brothers of the Company who were coppersmiths made suit to the Court for reducing the number of apprentices allowed to members practicing this branch of the trade. The petition, which was granted by the Court, is signed by nine coppersmiths, brethren of the Company.

On the same day it was agreed to "adventure" 800*l.* in purchase of tin, the money being taken up at interest, and any profit arising to be for the "best use of the house." At a meeting next day of "m^r Thoms Dunninge & the rest of the xij contractors," a total sum of 7,800*l.* was brought in for "Settling of theire busines for adventure fo^r the first Coynage." This sum was made up as follows:—"Pewterers' Hall, 800*l.*; m^r Dauninge & m^r Hurdman, 800*l.*; m^r Stevington & m^r Heath, 800*l.*; m^r ffulm, 800*l.*; m^r Rog^r Glou^r, 1600*l.*; m^r Staples & m^r Powell, 800*l.*; m^r Brocklesbie & m^r Chyld, 800*l.*; m^r Newton, m^r Tho: wycharley & m^r Tho: Smyth, 400*l.*; The rest of the Companie, 1000*l.*" Four of these "contracto^rs" were to take "vnto them some oth^r of the pattentees as they shall thincke fitt, [and] haue the manageing & sollyciting of all such busines as shall aryse fo^r & about the pporcōn of 500^m w^{ch} of Tynn soe yerlie had during the space of 5 yeres."

An order was made [29th March] fixing the price of Sadware at 10½*d.* per lb., and the rate of exchanging new for old at 2*d.* per lb.; with a penalty of 10*s.* for each offence. The price of old "lay metal" was not to be above 6*d.* a pound, and every man was to sell his new lay at 9*d.* The price for "fine metal," except to a brother of the Company, was 8½*d.* the lb. The determination of "sales and rate of Tryffles" was referred to twelve members, six of them Sadwaremen, and six "Triffelers."

At a court held 24th April it was agreed as follows:

~~That~~ noe deepe vessells Basons, Bowles pastie plates or new fashion Basons shalbe sould by Retaile for or vnd^r the Rate of xij*d.* the pound And to all Chapmen at the Rate of xj*d.* ob. And yt is furth^r agreed

that all sorte of danske pottē pye Coffins limbeckē or stoole panns shalbe sould by Retaile at the Rate of xiiij d. the pound and to Chapmen at the Rate of xiiij d. the pound And exchaung thereof 5d. & 4d. And that new fashion Thurndell shalbe sould by Retaile att ijs. x d. a peece The new fashion qrt 2s. 6d. exchaung thereof 8d. & 6d. The new fashion p^u to be sould by retaile att 20d. the new fashion halfe p^u at xv d. To Chapmen 19d. & 14d. Thexchaung thereof 6d. The hooped qrt to be sould at ijs. exchaung vj d. & to Chapmen v d. The hooped qrt wthout cou^r to be sould by Retaile att xx d. to Chapmen xvij d., exchaung thereof 5^d. & 4^d. Still heads to be sould by Retaile at 10^d. p^u the Bottom iij d. the brasse 6d. p ynche The chaunge of the topp 3^d. o^b the Bottom jd. o^b. Cesters & Lav^{rs} at 15^d. p ll. Broken Tynne 10d. o^b p ll. And lastlie yt is fullie agreed that all Triffles not here nōiated to be sould at the Rate & pryce of 2d. pffitt in euie shilling Accompting the Tynne at 4l. 7s. the Cth w^{ght}. And to Chapmen jd. in the shilling And who offendeth in anie pt of theis ord^{rs} to fforfeit & paie to thuse of the Hall the Some of xls. or lesse at discrecon of y^e Companie.

In ffull allowance of all w^{ch} ord^{rs} before recyted for establishing of the pryzes before sett downe euie man at this Court hathe setto his hand. [89 signatures follow.]

Mr. Hugh Hill, a member of the Company, was on the 28th April appointed overseer "thatt all Articles of Agreem^t betweene Coppsmithes beinge ffree of diuerse companies shall be truelie observed."

The following order was made at a Court on 2nd May:

Whereas the leamen of ou^r Companie are now constrained to make all there new lea according to the Sea [assay] of Pewtere^{rs} Hall London and cannot lyve to worke vnder the rate of 14s. fo^r euie hundr: w^{ght} workmanshipp of ould lea. And for ffyne & Peake at the Rate of 12s. euie Cth wght. It is now by mutuall Conscentē & agreemt of all those whose names are here vnderwritten & all those that shall worke hereaft^r in lea. That if yt shall happen & the same duellie proved vzt new lea to be found one graine worse then the Sea, or that anie doe sell directlie or indirectlie for vnder the Rate of 14s. the Cth as affores^d And 12s. for ffyne & Peake to the vallue of 2d. or more & the same duellie proved shall forfeite & paie for euie tyme soe offending the Some of xxx s. And

shall forthwth deliur^r the said some to the m^r & ward^{ns} of the Companie for the tyme beinge to be distributed to such poore of the Companie as the rest of the said lea men not offending in that case shall shall nominate & appointe and further that non of them vnder the same penaltie to be disposed as aforesd shall trust att one tyme ou^r & aboue one hundr w^{ght} of eith^r ffyne or lea; And yt is furth^r agreed by lyke Conscent^e that whereas for p^{re}ventinge of thingrossinge of the best custom^{rs} into some few mens hand^e the said lea men haue eich of them made choyce of 3 men whose names are vnd^rwritten whome they desyre and Conscent to serue, leaveing the rest of the whole Companie att lib^{tie} to take & themselues to serue them lea att their pleasure yf therefore anie of them shall serue either directlie or indirectlie anie of thoth^re Custom^{rs} here vnder written shall forfeit & paye as aforesaid. And yt is alsoe agreed betweene m^r Richard Stevington Anthonie Taylor & James Hasteing^e that they nor non of them shall directlie or indirectlie worke danske pott^e for or vnder the rate of xxvijs. eu^eie Cth w^{ght} & not abateing aboue ijd. or iijd. in eu^eie Cth and not to sell their danske pott^e vnd^r 12d. of the pound & he that offendeth therein to paie to the vses as aforesd the Some of xxxs. In wyttnes whereof the said p^{ri}es haue putto their hand^e the Second daie of maie . Anno dñi p^{re}sentis.

The names of those whoe are noiated for workmast^{rs} to the leamen vzt:

m ^r Brocklesbie	}	for m ^r Stevington	m ^r Ro: Sheppd	}	fo ^r w ^m Asplin	
John Child			Robt molens			
Randoll Groome			Sam ^l Hamon			
m ^r Rich Glover	}	for Antho: Taylor	m ^r Raff Powell	}	fo ^r Tho: Stev.	
m ^r Andr ffulhm			Henr. Cowes			
Robt Burton			walt Ryecroft			
John Heath	}	p w ^m Cornewell	m ^r Ro: Glou ^r	}	for Tho: Cart ^r	
w ^m Hill			Ellis Shelton			
Tho: Henson			John Robt ^e			
Jo: ffulhm	}	p Ja: Hasting ^e	A. T.			
ffr: Kymbley			James hasting ^e			
Humffr michell			william Aspline			
			Thomas Steventon			
			Thomas carter.			

~~The~~ Co^rte compl^d [15th June] ag^t w^m Morgan for vyceing [? using] glasses wth base mettle.

This may refer to "tin glass," which was used as a mixture for pewter of a certain quality.

On 21st September John Walker, a new liveryman, was ordered to bring in a silver cup of 3*l*. price, in lieu of a spoon, in addition to the admission fee of 9*l*.

At the same Court Thomas Hurst, a brasier in Little Britain, was fined two shillings for two weights taken from him and defaced at Bartholomew Fair, one, a quarter hundredweight, being three ounces too light, and the other, a half hundredweight, three-quarters of a pound too heavy.

On 5th October the Court complained against Robert Brown for "settinge a Turne Wheele to Rape in his shopp." The offence was either that of working in public, or of employing a lad not bound to him as apprentice.

A fine of twelve pence was fixed on 10th October for absence of Assistants from meetings of the Court, which were held at 9 a.m.

~~The~~ copie of M^r Hobsons deputacon . After ou^r hartie Co^mendacons whereas yt appeareth by the Coppie of a fr: hereinclosed vnde^r S^r ffulke Greville hand Chauncelor of his ma^te Excheqr: That yt hath pleased his ma^te to graunt vnto vs whose names are herevnde^r written a certen pporcoⁿ of Tynn, together wth the sole Transportacⁿ of Pewte^r onelie & of noe Tynn in anie sorte . And whereas wee haue n^oiated and appointed Thoms Hobson of Bristow pewtere^r onelie ou^r deputie for Transportacⁿ from Bristowe into all pt^e whatsoeu^r Theis are therefore to require yo^u & eu^eie of yo^u that yo^u doe not from henceforth receive or take or suffer to bee received or taken anie entrie, or entries for the transportacⁿ of anie wrought Pewter, before yo^u receive a Bill con^t: y^e pticule^r quantitie & quantities of eu^eie suche pcell or pcell^e of pewte^r soe to bee shipped or Transported as aforesd except yt bee first signed by the said Tho: Hobson our sd deputie vntill yo^u receive further order to the Contrarie. And this shalbe yo^r warrant. Pewterers hall this xixth of Octo: 1615.

To the deputie or deputies of his ma^te Custome of Bristowe.

At a Court on 26th October two nominees for the Livery were committed to prison for obstinately refusing the same or to pay their fines.

Richard Deuxell brought in (7th November) as his fine for coming into the livery five cupps weighing $65\frac{1}{2}$ oz. at 5s. 6d. the oz. The Company returned to him 4l. 3s. as their contribution to the cost. Henry Cowes paid as his livery fine 10l. and a silver bowl weighing 14 oz. 3 dwt. on which "th' armes" were engraved at a cost of 6d.

Complaint was made (14th December) of one Round a goldsmith who worked as a spoonmaker and sold to free brothers of this Company, all of whom were forbidden to buy of him.

On the application of "m^r Chancelo^r of the xcheqe^r" the reversion of the office of Clerk was (14th December) granted to John Rogers at a yearly salary of 20l. William Brome surrendered the office on 20th February, when Rogers was duly installed.

Receaved of Robt Molens fo^r a ffyne for sufferinge his apprentice to buye much mettle of Richard Boulton^e appr: wthout his mastre pryvitie xs.

Receaved of John Goodwin fo^r a ffyne for selling 2 duz: of porringere vnd^r the Rate agreed vpon iij s. iij d.

1615-16. At a Court held 11th January "Mr Thomas Parratt and Raffe Walker being decayed in estate are fullie contented to resigne their places of the lyverie of the Companie."

On the 18th April it was referred to the Master and Wardens and Mr. Fulham to revise the ordinances of "this house & Companie."

Rs of Stephen Smithe [29th June] for a ffine for not apparans, xij d. he doth offer to witness ag^t Cockley for serving ruff pewter at Alderman Smithies funerall at xij d. a garnish.

A legacy of 50l. from Mr. Lewis Randell was (25th July) received to be held as a stock for the relief of poor members.

At a search daye (12th August) among various fines were 4d. for "two antique Candelsticks vntouched," and "56l. w^t of Crackt and defaultie ware" fined at 1d. the pound.

The auditors appointed for this year's accounts were four, two from the Assistants and two from the Livery.

On 15th October an order was made that none "shall serve to any pson or psons whatsoeu or to any wedding Inn of Court Hall meetinge or other Supp dynner or ffeaste any rough vessell vnder the Rate and price of ijs. the garnishe, and the same ware soe to be served shalbe fayre turned." Fine for disobedience, 2s.

The persons nominated (3rd December) "to dyne this yeare wth the lord maio^r" were the Master, Wardens, and six others.

It was agreed (10th December) "that 8s. the C^t shalbe allowed to the poore workmen and 6d. vppon euie C^t [cwt.] barrs."

On Christmas eve 100l. "Bar money," was distributed to poor members of the Company and their widows, according to an order made by "the Princes Couns^{ll}," in a long list of amounts ranging from 5s. to 5l. In the last two pages of this list arabic figures for the first time take the place of Roman numerals; the latter, from this time, gradually disappear.

Item paid at mr Randells Churche that daie we went to Barge . xvij d.

Item paid the Carpenter the xxxth of November for bordring the tynn house xj s. vj d.

1616-17. **¶** At this Coⁿ [28th March] m^r Child brought danyell Anthony Williams his man who did acknowledge that M^r Child borrowed sallett dishes of M^r Williams and would have turned them they being foule but danyell could not sett the wheele to turne them and soe m^r Child tooke them houle wth him vnturned and turned them himself.

It is worth note in passing that Daniel Anthony is the first instance these records show of a double Christian name.

Item it is ordered [26th June] that Thomas Johnson for the taking of an other apprentice againste the orders of this Coⁿ shall paye to the house because the bakers w^{ch} trade he vseth taketh many apprentice x s.

The Master and three Wardens of the Yeomanry were again discharged from the obligation of making a grand election dinner, but

on the usual onerous condition of providing a smaller banquet and giving two gilt salts costing 9*l.* and 5*l.* respectively. The Company's plate grew very rich in this way. These silver gilt salts cost 6*s.* 8*d.* per ounce.

Ordered [16th October] that Edward Backley whoe should have byn mad free by this Company neetherlesse . . . is admitted to be made free by the C^r of Aldermen of the Shoe makers Company.

The Company meant is that of the Cordwainers. In all such cases the Court of Aldermen authorised the transfer only upon the consent of both Companies, each of which imposed a special fine.

The "Bar" money distributed this year by order of the King's Council among the poorer workmen of the Company amounted to 24*l.* This gift varied much from year to year.

℥ of mr dupe for absens at Pawles Crosse vj d.

℥ of Mr Roger Glover of the proffitt of the house Stock of Cli xx li.

Item for Candells for the whole yeare for the lanthorne ij s.

Item then pd for baking of a pasty and the Coke [cook] man to carry it when we went to Chelsey xij s.

Item pd for xij torches for Chelsey busynes ix s.

Item then pd for a botell of Clarret wyne iij s.

It more for a pound of Sugar xvj d.

1617-18. **Item** ordered [19th March] that M^r Peter Brocklesby and M^r Thomas Smith^m shall forthwth amend and make pfect there mark^e. Both of these members were Assistants.

Memorand^e That whereas [30th March] the Lea men have this daie altered there tuches It is ordered that yf any of the lea men shall after this daie make anye bad ware w^{ch} shall be found worse then assaye and the same being soe found in the lea mens houses or els where and notice given to the Companye thereof That then all such wares as after the said notice shalbe found in any mans Shoppes or houses worse as aforesaide That all the losse of the wares shalbe borne by the party and parties wher the same wares shalbe taken.

The Bar money distributed this year to the poor workmen was 77*l.* 9*s.*, and the grant was procured by the "poor men" themselves at the cost here shown, amounting to 25*l.* 7*s.* This extortionate charge consisted almost wholly of fees to state officials, thus reducing the King's charitable grant by more than 30 per cent.

Money laid out and paid by the Warden for the obteyning of the privy Seale &c.

This Bill
was dtd by
the poore
men whoe
did followe
this busines.

T he Charge of the poore mens iorney to newmarkett	xx s.
T o the M ^r of Requeste and his clarke for procuring a referens	vijl. xiiij s.
T o M ^r Glover of the receipt for a coppy of the old privy Seale &c.	jl. ij s.
T o the kings sollicito ^r and his Clarke for drawing and writinge the privy seal	vl. x s.
f or procuringe the kings hand	iiijl. vj s.
T he privy seale it self	iiijl. vj s.
I f there Charge for goinge by water and other expence	iiij s. ix d.

Mr. Powell, a former Warden, got into trouble on 28th April, and was fined 10*l.* for giving warning to a pewterer to put his bad ware out of sight when the Company were on search.

M^r Glover is Entreated [30th June] and promiseth paiement of the Barr money behinde to the poore according to the prince Councells order.

The grant was continued by the King's Council; 100*l.* was received from the Exchequer and 100*l.* from Sir John Wolstenhall for Midsummer, 1615.

fully ordered and agreed [24th September] that the whole Charges of o^r newe M^r for this yeare [Rev. Dr. Wood, St. Dionis Backchurch] in regard of his kinde acceptans of taking the place shalbe borne by the house.

On 4th November, Bartholomew Humber was fined for offences "some of w^{ch} were for deliuing of deceipfull mettalls two se^uall tymes to workmen putting in plomers Soder that he bought at Markatts & beating it in a brasse morter and strewing it in turning of spoones deliuing of flotinge of lea vsing vnlawfull waights."

Mr. Peter Brocklesby was ordered (10th December) forthwith to bring in one of his marks, no member of the Company being allowed to have more than one mark.

1618-19. At a court held 20th January it was decided to approach the King for a renewal of the preemption of tin, as the Company's patent had nearly expired. It was "further ordered and tendered that 800*l*. ppounded to & for the benefitt & vse of the hall shalbe forthwith deliued and payde to the pattentees peuterers as was first intended and soe ought to be answered and allotted for the good of the hall."

A committee was appointed at the same Court, consisting of three of the Assistants, three of the Livery, and seven of the Yeomanry, to consider and remedy "many Complaints against the vntrue mixture of ffine and lea and many inconvenyencies thereby found."

~~The~~ Company signed a petition [27th January] to the prince Councell some only of the pattentees refused.

On 3rd March it was left to four arbitrators to re-examine all former accounts of Mr. Roger Glover and to determine all controversies between him and the Company "touching the benefitt of the Tynn busynes and the pfitt thereby Coming to the hall and e^urie pticuler pson."

~~The~~ pattentees and assistaunc^e have subscribed [7th May] vnto a noate vnder ther hands of their willingnes and desire to haue the pattent renewed as to the prince Councell shalbe thought meete.

for Tynn
glasse.

Item Notice is given [17th June] that e^urie pewtr^r that shall melt Tynn to make ware of shall after the Rate of e^urie 1000^{wt} of tynn mixe ij*li* & a halfe of good tynn glasse wth the same.

Ordered [30th November] that M^r Recorder shalbe attended to haue his opynion touching the pattent & rydinge pattent and the Course to be taken therein.

Allo^{ed} to o^r Clarke in respect the benefitt of the dwelling house was taken from him the quarter xv s. iij li.

The Clerk's house was now required as an addition to the Hall to meet the growing needs of the Company. His allowance for house-rent was increased in 1625 to 8*l*., and in 1636 to 12*l*. (see p. 96.)

Imprimis paid for twoo se^uall payment^e for the Irish busines . . . 166 li.

Note from this date the gradually increasing use of arabic figures in place of the Roman numerals. Four years later, the practice is regularly introduced of writing the amounts both in arabic and Roman figures. The latter soon afterwards disappear.

If whereas oʀ hall being called in question amongst other Companies for there landes in Gregorie Alley pʀtended and doubted to be wthin the kinge mat^e graunte of Chauntry lande and therby a great Charg for the arrerages would haue fallen vppon vs As alsoe oʀ Hall and Lande being Tyed to the payment of the Peticannon in Pawles xl s. p Ann^o w^{ch} by the first graunt is supsticious although not questioned, And likewise the Hall being at other Charges about settling of the newe patent for tynn and some redresse thereby for the good of the Companie there was disbursed and spent in those sefall businesses as doth appeare pticularly xxxvij li. iiij s.

The Company had been troubled in 1585 about their Fenchurch Street property, also described as "concealed lands." (See Vol. I, p. 294.)

If paid into the Chamber of London for oʀ pte towards the passing of the booke for the arrerages and confirming of oʀ Land xxx li.

If paid for worke done for the Hall against my L maiore daie as appeares by Bill 4 li. xij s. 4 d.

If spent in oʀ Jorny to Cambridg being three of vs and hyring three horses fiue daies viij li.

If paid more for the plate giuen by nyne of the newe Liue then there xvij li. ix s. 6 d.

If paid for two safes for the newe salt^e given by the liverye vj s.

If payd to eight w^{ch} went to my lord maiore aboue the nomber iij li. v s.

1619-20. At a Court on 16th March it was ordered that no one should set up as a workman before submitting "a prooffe peece of his owne makinge" to be examined by the Master, Wardens and Assistants.

~~The~~ intent and desire is [26th May] that the pattent maye be & remayne to the Companye.

To effect this, a composite deputation of twelve was appointed to approach the King "and to Compose difference and Conuenyence both in the setting & other maninge of the same."

At a search on 13th July, Robert Awsten was fined 10s. "for burninge latten knobbed spones wth Course mettall."

On the 7th December 300,000 weight of tyn was obtained from the King's Council at 4*l.* 7*s.* per cwt., to be sold at 5*l.* per cwt.

Item paied charges spent about the Kings comeinge to Powles ij*li.* xv*s.* v*d.*

Item spent on Candelmas daie att drinkinge more then 3*d.* the peece gathered of the leverie v*s.* ij*d.*

1620-21. *At* this Co^r [1st February] y^e Coppie of y^e certificate being redd made by the m^rchaunt^e Comittees betweene M^r Newton and M^r Glover touching the Accompt & benefit thereof [it was decided to enter an action against Mr. Glover] touching the Tynne busnesse . . . The Charge to bee borne equally by y^e pl^e and aduenturers . . . and vpon Conclusion the Hall to pay rateably his pte.

On the 2nd March it was decided to introduce a bill into Parliament for suppressing hawkers and the "buying of tynn and old Pewter by brokers and others not Pewterers, selling of old pewter and transporting and vttering it."

Item it is concluded [21st March] that the nowe M^r and Wardens two of the livery and two of the yeomandry to bee Chosen and nominated shall consider and allot such quantity of Tynn to eu^ey pticuler pson of the Company as to them shalbe thought fit, and this is for the next Tynne to come w^{ch} God send salfe here.

And that [16th April] the noate vnder M^r Glovers hand for y^e receipt of the Halls 400*li* put in aduenture was put into the Box where y^e Seale doth remayne. The said noate is dated the sixt of March 1618.

The howse complaynes [21st June] of Arthur Hodgekis for bur-nisheing of sadd ware.

On 5th July John Banks was adjudged to pay to Daniel Smith "either 56*li* of plate mettle or 10*d.* o*b.* for it a pownd in money."

At this Co^r M^r Huntley came wth the sword-bearer from the Lord Maior and Co^r of Aldermen to bee made free of our company and the Co^r tooke a tyme till the next setting of y^e Assistant^e to consider of the Conuenyency of it, and then to give a further answere.

Ordered [25th September] that the late Warden shall pay 42^s 2^d and ix d. more for his pte of thinge lost in his tyme.

Rec of Robert Browne being fyned for warneing of Richard Merry into the Co^rt of Conscience London wthout licens ij s.

Rec of M^r Richard duxell for y^e lease of his howse sealed y^e 18th of Aprill 1621 Clxxx li.

pd for a Coppy of y^e Hammer mens peticon ij s. vj d.

pd for goeing through bridge to see the Bardge & given to them that trymed it xix d.

pd to the Saxton of S^t Mary Somerset for o^r meeteing there that day xvij d.

This church, where the Company assembled before taking barge on Lord Mayor's day, was at Broken Wharf. (See the item in the accounts for 1622-3, page 82.)

pd for opening St Bartholmewes Church that the lyvery might meete there [The church of St. Bene't, Paul's Wharf, may be meant] j s.

pd for carriage of the grocers fyre panne two & froe till o^r was done [*i.e.* till our own was mended] j s.

pd to Sam Rawlins for 2 sawcers sayed & fownd good vj d.

pd for an iron back for the Co^rt Chamber Chymney & paveing the Hath & foote pace viij s.

pd for an yron Cradle for fyre in the Hall iij li. xj s. x d.

pd for 12 stooles trymed wth greene broad Cloth, silke, fring & Covers of buckeram xiiij li. x s. xj d.

pd for 2 payre of say [assay] stones for leay [lay metal] & five iust halfe ownces a peece to M^r Bowyer & others for worke aboute them xxiiij s. vj d.

pd to the Paynter for laying the outward & postę on the syde & ouer head in oyle, and trymeing the Sword case & the Chymny in the Co^rt Chamber xxxvj s. vj d.

pd to the Joyner for repayreing the sword case ij s. vj d.

This sword-case was for holding the City sword when the Lord Mayor attended at the Hall in state.

1621-22. The tynne now [20th May] remayneing and being in the howse is to bee sold at iiij^l x^s viij^d the Cth and A true Accompt is afterwarde to bee made touching all Charge, and if any overplus of money bee, The same is rateably to bee given back to euery sellall buyer of the Company.

It is ordered [20th June] y^t forthwth Councell shalbe attended to the end it may bee resolued of the vallidity of our Patent and orders what may bee done to such as guild sell or vtter ware contrary to our Charter & orders.

Thomas Walter, of Huntingdon, was allowed on 4th September to "haue a say of lay of our mettle of his owne mowld," on paying 2s. 6d.

Agreed [8th November] that a Petiçon shalbe forthwth followed to the Princes highnes touching the rate of Tynne.

The persons nominated this year "to dyne wth my Lord Maio^r" were the Master and Wardens, who received "allowance," and five others who "offered and were willing voluntary."

Item for sweete bagges for the lynnen iiij s. vj d.

Item laied out for boate hyre when we attended the Prince xij d.

1622-23. Walter Gicroft giueinge for his touch 3 : eares of corne, is nowe [29th May] Ordered to make the same onlie one eare and letters.

At a search at Lambeth Marsh, on 23rd June, among "diuers peece of painted Pewter" of bad workmanship seized from John Heath and Anthony Longsay, "aliens," were the following items:

"1 great Beaker pte white marked wth the starre . Starton.

"2 Candlesticks, Thomas Phillips, 1 touch^t wth the Lyon, 1 vn-toucht broken and carried away."

Afterwards in Bedlam, In the house of Paull Dickenson Heath & Longsayes ptner weare some smallest paynted Beakers and salts.

A distribuçon was made [28th June] of 100^{li} reced from S^r John Wolstenholme giuen by his Ma^{tie} vnto the Hammermen of y^e Companie of Pewterers.

This was the "Bar money," and the above entry seems to show that the Hammermen were the workmen who made the tin into bars for exportation. This work the Company secured, as we have seen, from the Crown by special privilege for their poor members,

Gilded
ware.

The Master acquainted the Court [3rd July] of the search about y^e painted pewter and for the Contempt they haue taken Course of lawe, and albeit some of the makers or gilders did promise to desist from sellinge the same, yett they doe sett vpp Bills for the sale of the same.

Thomas Hall maketh request to the Court that hee may vse or strike M^r Sheppards touch which was graunted.

The same touch was at the next Court (24th July) granted to John Netherwood "in regard that Thomas Hall hath left it of."

Ordered [19th September] that Thomas Austin in ffilet lane bee brought to this board by an Officer.

At the same Court the Master and Wardens of the Yeomanry asked to be excused providing their dinner on payment of a fine of 10*l*. "The board in Considera^on of diuers reasons offred that for xijth and a Banquett they should be freed, which they refuseinge are absolutelie Ordered to make a dynner and noe fine to bee accepted."

John Greaves the beadle [same Court] made request to this board in regard the tynne busines is gone, and that the Alley failes, and that the wood and Coole costeth more then his Allowance that some increase might bee graunted him.

The Court dealt favourably with his request, but the enlargement of the Bowling Alley was to be at his own cost.

The hammer men on 27th October requested the Court to petition the King for a further grant of tin "to sett themselues on worke." It was decided to petition on behalf of the whole body of the Company, and to state "that Tynne is sould att cheaper Rates beyond the seas, then heere it is." The petition was read and approved on 4th November, and a grant made to the Company accordingly. The tin farmers of the crown, however, petitioned that the Company should pay 5*l*. instead of 4*l*. 7*s*. per cwt. In their counter petition on 11th November the Company add a request for "free trade as in former times."

Received of Edward Organ for one whole yeares Rent of the Myter Taverne due at Midsummer last past 40 li. xli.

More to the Clarke and Sexton of broken wharfe : 1 s. 8 d. j s. viij d.
Paid for Extraordinary Charges of Corne bought wth the losse thereon
 ariseinge as by the pticulars more then rec^ded

8 l. 3 s. 10 d. viij li. iij s. x d.

Spent in rydinge to Salisbury, beinge 4 in Comp^a [Company] and 12
 dayes out 23 li. 16 s. whereof Rec^ded for seized ware att Oxford the
 Kinge pte paid 3 li. 7 s. 6 d. so then resteth disbursed
 20 l. 8 s. 6 d. xx li. viij s. vj d.

1623-4. A precept being received on 11th March for providing sixty quarters of wheat, the Livery were assessed at two-thirds of the cost, and the Yeomanry at one third estimated at 40*l*.

The Company were now (29th April) prosecuting a bill in Parliament "concerning false waightes and measures."

Mr. Warden Robins made relation (3rd June) of his search at Northampton. Not having authority to forcibly open the shop of Walter Bartlett, they seized some of his and other makers' "verrie bad ware" at Rowell Fair. For this, "S^r John Lambe for want of a deputacōn from the Companie" bound them over to answer their trespass at the Michaelmas Quarter Sessions.

John Dunning, an apprentice, coming on 15th July to receive his freedom, was ordered first to ask on his knees forgiveness of the Master for threatening speech made to him in his search.

At a Court on 29th July, out of sixteen members of the Company summoned on the Livery, only six voluntarily consented to serve.

Also it is ordered [3rd August] that noe man whosoeuer shall hereafter buy anie wrought pewter, but thereof shall first giue warninge.

On 23rd September the Court was informed that the recognisances of certain members of the Company concerning Sir John Lambe's business had been discharged by the Privy Council.

On the 14th October the Court agreed with Peter Goatley, waterman, to provide a barge yearly for the use of the Company in the Lord Mayor's procession, the barge to be fitted, furnished with a barge-cloth and eight rowers, and to accommodate forty persons and upwards, for the sum of seven nobles (2*l*. 6*s*. 8*d*.).

pd M^r Goodcoale the preacher for books which hee gaue the Companie
10 s. x s.

1624-5. On the 23rd March the Master called attention to the loss arising from buying pewter from the brasiers, which otherwise the members of the Company might have at first hand. A notice forbidding this practice was ordered to be circulated.

John Paltooke who married the Widdowe of Andrew ffulham desired [8th April] to be admitted into this Society.

Paltock, who belonged to the Goldsmiths' Company, wished to be translated, and so carry on his wife's trade as a pewterer. His fine was fixed at one hundred marks (66*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*), but after much negotiation this was reduced to 40*l.*

The year 1625 witnessed another terrible visitation of the plague. Two of the Wardens of the Yeomanry died, and their places were filled at a Court held on 27th October. The ordinary method of election was a nomination by the Wardens of the Yeomanry of four liverymen for each office, one of them being chosen by the Court of Assistants.

payd accordinge to m^r Randalles will to diue's pewtere's

	2 <i>l.</i> 10 <i>s.</i>	ij <i>li.</i> x <i>s.</i>
pd for formes in Pawles	4 <i>s.</i>	iiij <i>s.</i>
More for formes at Pawles Cross	9 <i>s.</i>	ix <i>s.</i>

Paul's Cross was an out-door pulpit at the north-east corner of St. Paul's Churchyard. This and the "Spital" were the two chief preaching stations in the City. Sermons did not until after the Reformation form a recognised part of Divine Service in the Church of England.

pd for a boate for some of the Comp^a men one the Lo. Maio's day and to M^r Huntleyes man that brought drinke vpon the water 3*s.* iiij*s.*

1625-6. A pension was granted (23rd March) to Richard Swinerton, a poor man, "but it is with prouiso, that the yeomandries booke bee first examined and seene, whether it may well bee done without ouercharging their booke."

The pensions came out of the Yeomanry funds, but the elections to them were in the hands of the Company.

Jon Graunt [3rd August] hauing been bound an appn̄tice to Zachary Bayley, the said Bayley being dead, & Graunt hauing been wandering contrary vnto the Companies orders, & not pleasing vnto them, doe order that the said Joⁿ Graunt shall giue vnto the Company Two wine cupps of 4os. a peece, 4os. whereof was left wth the Warden of the Company.

On 28th September the Court reconsidered the permission hitherto granted to Langbourn Ward to hold their Wardmote Inquest in Pewterers' Hall. The Hall had been lately paved and "trimmed," and was much "prejudiced" by the Wardmote meeting. It was decided to grant the use of the Great Parlour for the meeting and the Hall for their dinner or supper on paying the usual fees.

At the same Court action was ordered to be taken to compel country pewterers to make their ware "according to the assay."

Robt Mullins complained [7th December] against Robt ffrend for suffering of a Goldsmith to worke openly in his shopp, w^{ch} may bee to the greate preiudice. It is ordered that his shopp be made vp wth a Particion to the topp, or els dismisse the pty.

The order was to prevent the discovery of trade secrets.

At the same Court it was ordered that the 6d. usually paid at the quarter day dinners by each of the livery for wine, should be paid to the warden and not taken at the table.

Robert Mullins was fined 3/. on 18th December "for powring [pouring] of mettell vpon a peece of lead, and couering the same in a mould, deliuering the same to a workman to bee wrought, this being willfully done and . . . the fault being heynous."

Item according to mr Randolls will to Tenn poore men on St Mathias day the 25th of ffebruary 2 l. 10 s. ij li. x s.

Imprimis paid for our m^r his parte of the account dynne^r

15 s. 4 d. xv s. iiij d.

Item for Six wine Cupps bought with the mony receiued from the Wardens of the yeomandry 10 l. 18 s. x li. xvij s.

1626-7. Among the goods seized at a Search of Hollow-ware on 28th April were "three band potts"; and certain articles called "searines" or "serins," [? syringes] the heads of which were 4 grains worse than lay and the barrels and pipes 12 grains worse than fine. Certain other utensils "cast wth an ordinary heate iij graines worse than lay, but a greate heate ij graines."

The two Stewards of the Lord Mayor's Feast having fined instead of serving, the Court decided not to elect any others, but to pay the additional cost from the Hall funds, "in regard the Company conceiue that the further giuing way to fyne wilbe a meanes to chuse a new Liurey the sooner, The w^{ch} doing wilbe further charge to the Company."

The liverymen who in their turn served or fined for Steward became eligible for the Court of Assistants and so diminished the ranks of the Livery.

Item spent on Christmas day on the Company . 6 s. 10 d. vj s. x d.

Item spent on Twelue day in the like manner . 3 s. 6 d. iij s. vj d.

Item lost in m^r Organs rent in a badd peece of gold . 2 s. ijs.

Item paid the third parte of Shipp money 3 l. 18 s. iij li. xvij s.

Item paid for a dishe to gather mony of y^e Liury . 1 s. 3 d. xv d.

1627-8. A precept was received (1st January) from the Lord Mayor for the immediate payment of 360*l.* and a like sum six months later as part of 120,000*l.* to be lent to the King. As the Company was impoverished, it was resolved to borrow the money if possible from "some sufficient alderman." At the next Court [10th January] an agreement was entered into with M^r Anthony Abdy, merchant, to provide the whole 720*l.* for a present payment of 130*l.*

The Court accepted (17th January) the sum of 220*l.* on condition of paying 20*l.* yearly on the life of a maid then 21 years old. A sum of 200*l.* was similarly taken up (12th November, 1629) by way of annuity of 20*l.* yearly on two joint lives, or the longer liver of them.

The butler's yearly wages were raised (14th August) from 11*s.* to 20*s.*

The Company took up 300*l.* (26th September) on loan at 6½ per cent interest.

On 14th November the Company were informed that 300,000 weight of tin yearly had been allotted them, which was supposed to

be a fourth part of the whole out-put. The Company were "to pay a fourth parte of the charge."

~~Like~~ ^{Wise} by consent choice was made of se^uale Co^mmittees appointed both to settle the stocke & appointe what each man shall aduenture [and] to treat wth the ffarmers.

Further negotiations with the tin merchants resulted (11th December) in their offering 100,000 weight at 4*l.* 10*s.* per cwt. This was considered at a special meeting on 20th February, when the Company accepted the offer on the following terms. "Prouided that they may not enter into bond, concerning transportacōn of wrought ware, Only for such as they shall cast into Barrs, Gobbetts, & such like." In order to make quite clear the assent of the Company to this vote an unusual course was adopted, the names of those supporting (55) and those opposing (13) the proposal being entered in the minutes.

1628-9. On 30th April, Richard Duxell was expelled from the Court of Assistants and the Livery, "hauing by the instigation of the diuell committed a most notorious and hainous offence against Allmightie God and criminall against the lawes of this Kingdome."

A petition was ordered (24th September) to be presented to the Lords of the Council "for restraunte of Brokers and other such persons from buying of pewter."

A **precept** was read [20th October] from the Lord Maio^r and Court of Aldermen for the bringing in of xij*l.* xs. towards the Padgines [pageants] which were erected at the King's Coronation. [The demand was increased at the next Court to 25*l.* 16*s.*, which the Company declined to pay.]

The widow Boulton's man came before the Court (19th November) "with vnseemly haire not befitting an appⁿtice, which they caused to bee cutt of."

M^r Kimberley moued [10th December] for the good of the wholle Company That no man shall giue aboue x*d.* for ould fyne mettell, ffor that if they shall giue x*d.* ob. as some hath done, it will in tyme bee preiudiciall, and that the buyers will not giue aboue three half pence a pound for chang, w^{ch} vsually and of long tyme hath beene 2^d a pound.

This was agreed to, and an order accordingly made. (See p. 89.)

Brought from the other side.

This is the first instance of carrying forward, the old practice being to make separate totals for each page.

1629-30. It is ordered [18th March] that [blank] Southake who formerly was bound an appntice to John Auery, and hauing obtained his freedome of the Grocers, Shall not haue any ware made by any of the Company, if that they doe not take him to bee of the mistery.

At a Court on 11th May, 20s. was given to Richard Griffin "who had his howse and houshold burned by a fire."

On 3rd June Francis Graves gave as a fine for not serving as Master of the Yeomanry "a white Beere Bolle w^{ch} cost iijl. ij d." One half the expense of this beer bowl was borne by the Company.

At this Courte [17th June] the Orders were read, and also a Lre from the Lord Maio' prohibiting any ffeasting in regard of the approaching sicknes, And as for such mony as would that way haue been spent, to bee saued in custody of the Warden, to bee issued amongst the poore, if occasion shalbe for the same.

The Court agreed (15th July), on a petition from the parishioners of St. George in Southwark, to aid them with a grant of 3*l.* towards repairing their church and steeple.

An application for admission to the Livery was refused (27th July), the number of new admissions being already filled. The Livery in early times was not sought after, but regarded as a burdensome obligation.

Nicholas Wright [19th August] for a Cesterne of fyne being 54*l* w^t vntoucht was fined at xij d.

Richard Binerton whose lease was expired, was demaunded [same Court] whether hee would take a new lease or no, hee was willing. But the power not being in his owne hands, shee being present, absolutely denied the same.

Suzan Curtis, in a petition at the same Court, claimed a pension of 3*l.* a year as of right, being the daughter of a deceased pewterer. The Court refused to entertain the question as a claim, but promised to consider it as an act of grace.

On 14th September fifty-five lbs. of lay metal was sold by the Company to Mr. John Child at 7*d.* per pound.

The M^r moued (21st October) that Corne should bee bought with the Companies money in regard that tymes are very hard, and mony hard to bee gotten from particuler men, the quantity was thought fitting to bee Thirty quarters to bee prouided fourthwith, and the losse to bee borne by the howse.

Item for a Sugar loafe giuen S^r Hugh Hamersly 1*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* jth vjs. viij*d.*

Sir Hugh Hammersley was Alderman of Bishopsgate Ward and a member of the Haberdashers' Company. He was Lord Mayor in 1627.

1630-1. *At this* Courte [19th April] the Widdow Lee paid vth vpon her lease . . . The gold wanted xij graines beside the allowance w^{ch} shee is to make good.

The copy of a peti^{ti}on was read [same Court] w^{ch} was deliuered to the Lord Trēr and Chauncello^r of the Excheq^r, by 60 psons of the said Company names vnknowne and without any aucthority from the M^r and Wardens complaining against the distribution of the Tynn w^{ch} the Company haue frō the ffermors at an vnder rate. Wherin the Lord Treār and Chauncello^r haue referred the allottm^t to the fferm^{rs} of Tynn.

Upon the above matter it was ordered that the Company should wait upon Mr. Job Harby "to know his determination concerning the distribution of the Tynn . . . whether he will appointe them the Lotters, or giue way to the M^r & Wardens to make choice."

The difficulty was settled at the next Court (28th April), when Mr. Job Harby attended and agreed to appoint as distributors those whom the Court might select. It was finally decided that the distributors should be elected in equal proportion by and from the Livery and Yeomanry respectively.

It is agreed [9th June] that Peter Sherley the Companies present Bricklayer hee shall from hencefourth haue the survey of a Bricklayers worke belonging to the Hall or any of their Tenements and shall if possible it may bee by our power haue both the new making or reparing of whatsoeuer shall heerafter bee vsefull.

At a search reported on 8th December, Robert Lennis "was found in fault for not sufficiently tempring his mettell with Tynne Glasse."

Item paid for Tenn quarters of Rye at xxxviij s. p quarter 19^l xix l.

This was sold for the benefit of the poor at a loss of 6*l*. (See below.)

Item giuen toward the reparing of the steeple of this parrish . 4^l iiij li

1631-2. At this Courte [10th April] Widdow Aspline petiçoned to haue a graunt of a lease of her howse in Gregory Alley after the expiraçon of the present lease formerly graunted to Owen Caswell.

At the same Court the Company was offered 300*l*. on loan at 4*l*. per cent., a very low rate of interest. The offer was accepted "if the conditions bee liked."

The Company was required by the Lord Mayor (21st April) to have their full proportion of sixty quarters of wheat in readiness, there being then only twenty-four quarters in their Granary.

On the same day a grant of 30*l*. was made towards the repair of St. Paul's, "to bee paid by 10*l*. yeerly." A further grant of 30*l*. was made on 7th August, 1634.

Thomas Buckmaster formerly a free brother, was desirous (13th September) to bee translated vnto the Woodmongers, for which hee gaue xls.

M^r Hardman made reporte [27th September] what himselfe and the rest had done in search in the Country, and for freeing the howse charges, That a deputaçon (if Councell should aduise) shalbe graunted to M^r Taylor, and Beame and Say stones to bee giuen him at the howses charge.

The Wardens is to assist M^r Carter now [11th October] chosen Steward for the Lord Maiors day and the howse to beare halfe y^e charge.

Only one Steward was appointed this year, instead of two as usual.

It is ordered (13th December) that none shall give for old pewter "more than x d. for fine, and for lay aboue vij d. in the penalty of xl^s Except it shalbe to a free brother of the Company, the Countrey freemen shall not haue that priuiledge, that those of the Cittie haue."

Us for Ten quarters Rye 13 l. xiiij li.

Rs for Twelue quarters of Wheate meale sold in Leadenhall markt by the Lord Maiore order . . . 24 l. 14 s. 3 d. xxiiij li. xiiij s. iij d.

Rs of M^r Brocklsby for the pewter taken in the search . 39 l. xxxix li.

This was a country search at Camden and Gloucester. The expenses for horse-hire, portorage, melting, etc., exceeded the sum received as above for the forfeited metal.

Item spent about Information at a Quarter dynner in lent for eating of fleshe 14 s. 9 d. xiiij s. ix d.

Item giuen towards building Creechurch 5 l. v li.

Item paid about the pagents ordered by Acte of Common Councell 25 li. 16 s. and spent 11 d. is . 25 l. 16 s. 11 d. xxv li. xvj s. xj d.

Item paid charge of grinding with other duties of the Corne sold as by the Beadle 2 l. 12 s. 10 d. ij li. xij s. x d.

Item for Screening and turning of the Corne for ffifteene monthes allowed 15 s. xv s.

1632-3. **A** fire was sent [21st March] by the Lord Cottington about stollen pewter vessell of his Ma^{ties} being used at the Starre Chamber, and bought by those of the Company, willing them to forbear buying the same, and to publishe it among the Company.

It Was moued [at the same Court] . . . That a peticoⁿ may bee preferred to his Ma^{ties} Councell That no Victualler or others might sell any Beere, or Ale bee sold but in Pewter potts.

At a Court on 22nd August William Hatfield was chosen to succeed John Graves at his death in the office of Beadle, "and vntill w^{ch} decease aforesaid, hee is to performe such buisnesses as the Company shalbee pleased to ymploy him in."

It is thought fittinge [3rd October] and soe ordered . . . That there shalbee this yere two Auditors more Chosen out of the Assistants for the examinac^on of the renter Wardens account, to bee joyned with the foure others, And so from yere to yere henceforward one alwayes to bee Chosen, that they may bee more better experienced. And so, one if hee liue shall serue two yeres together. [These were called "Extraordinary Auditors."]

The auditors, now six in number, consisted of two past Masters, two Assistants, and two Liverymen.

On 10th October those in charge of the bowling alley were ordered not to permit any "gameinge at Cards dice or any other vnlawfull game . . . as also the tolleracōn of one payre of playinge tables to bee vsed in the yard only, and in noe other place of the Hall."

The officers of the Yeomanry chosen this year are called Wardens, the senior being described as Master Warden.

1633-4. A small series of books recording the transactions of the Company in the purchase and sale of tin begins this year. A folio volume, extending from 1633 to 1666, and consisting of 38 paper leaves, is entitled "His Majesty King Charles 1st Tin Farmers Book."

The heading for the first year's account is "Receved of His Ma^{ties} ffarmeres the 25th of ffebruary and one the 7 and 8 of March 1633 the whole pporshen [proportion] of Tynn for the yeere folowing beegining at the 25 of March 1634."

The account consists of a list of the blocks of tin with their numbers and gross weights, the first being as under:—

No.					C.	qs.	lb.
1297	-	-	-	-	4	2	07
„ 2118	-	-	-	-	4	3	01
„ 1301	-	-	-	-	4	2	00
„ 103	-	-	-	-	1	3	24
„ 2197	-	-	-	-	2	0	01
„ 1600	-	-	-	-	1	3	03
„ 63	-	-	-	-	1	1	18
„ 1550	-	-	-	-	4	2	15
„ 2203	-	-	-	-	3	1	13
„ 1581	-	-	-	-	3	0	10
Gros	-	-	-	-	32	0	08

Twenty-seven other groups follow, each containing ten blocks. The totals are given as:—

gros w ^{tt}	-	-	-	-	1005	1	20
Clof	-	-	-	-	0004	2	27
Net	-	-	-	-	1000	2	21

Money to pay at 4^l 10s. p C is 4502^{ll} 12s. 10^½d.

The accounts for 1635, 1636, 1637 and 1638 are given, and then occurs a gap, the next year being 1664. The record continues for two years, and breaks off finally in June, 1666, three months before the outbreak of the Fire of London. In each of the accounts for the last three years the name of one of the King's Farmers is mentioned from whom the tin was received by the Company, viz., in 1664-5, Alderman Francis Meynell, and in 1666, Sir Robert Viner.

The other volumes are a series of "Tin Ledgers" for the years 1633-1638. These books are thin folios of ledger shape, now bound in two volumes, containing the transactions with the various members of the Company. A double page is allotted to each person. On the left are set down the blocks of tin sold to him at various times during the year, with the number and weight of each, and the amounts to be paid. The right hand page records the payments for the various transactions. The Company retained for themselves at first 6*d.*, and afterwards 1*s.*, in the cwt., above the price at which they obtained the tin from the Farmers. In a separate account of "Tynn Quined" (*i.e.* coined) in Cornwall and Devonshire for Mr. Hawes, the cwt. is reckoned for some blocks at 120 and for others at 112 lbs., but I cannot find this computation elsewhere. This series of Ledgers is certainly incomplete, as the distribution of tin continued until the Great Fire. Whether it then ceased or whether the later books have been lost, it is not possible now to say.

The Master called (21st January) "sundry men to question for absence vpon dayes of service in their Liuary, as xp̄mas and Twelffe day." Those who had served as Master were to be excused.

At the same Court Katherine Wetwood, daughter of Humphrey Wetwood, of London, Pewterer, was sworn and made free by the Testimony of the Master and Wardens of the Merchant Taylors' Company, and of two Silk Weavers, that she was a virgin and twenty-one years of age. She paid the usual patrimony fine of 9*s.* 2*d.* This is a rare instance of the admission of a female to membership of the Company.

At a Court on the 18th March, Mr. Henry Cowes, an Assistant, was sent into Cornwall as deputy Assay Master to the King's Assay Master General "for preuention of sundry abuses or negligences there committed

or suffered to bee committed by those formerly ymployed in the said place & office and to search on the Company's behalf for bad ware."

It was ordered (29th April) that those who hold the office of Warden or fine for the same shall wear their Livery gowns faced with "ffoynes" on all occasions "called therunto" by the Master.

On 14th August Henry Sweeting asked permission for his son, who had married a Vintner's widow, to remove to the Vintners' Company. Permission was given on account of the love which they bare to the father, no fine being imposed beyond the voluntary offering of a piece of plate.

If is ordered and agreed [18th September], That Twenty shillings shalbe giuen to the wife of Thomas Chickley towards the redemption out of the Turks captivity, and to bee paid by the Warden.

On 17th December 200*l.* was ordered to be put into the East India Company "for the benefitt of this Company."

Imprimis paid for searching the Chamberlens office and entring a Caueat against binding and enrolling of apprentices being a thing contrary to orders of this howse 2 s. ij s.

Item for a complaint against m^r Graues, for an 18 thredd lyne, for mending a fire shouell for a proclamacon all 3 s. 8 d. iiij s. viij d.

This curious entry consists of four very incongruous items.

Item for formes on the vth of Nouember and to the Keepers of them [Gunpowder Plot service at St. Paul's.] 4 s. 6 d. iiij s. vj d.

Item spent more then was allowed vpon Assay of Tynne at the Hall 3 s. 6 d. iij s. vj d.

Item spent when the Tynn was sayed at Custome howse 7 s. 9 d. vijs. ix d.

Item spent at y^e melting of Tynn being many pnt . 4 s. 1 d. iiij s. jd.

Item for a Certificate xij d. and to a blind Minister xij d. . 2 s. ij s.

Item for formes on Cronation day iiij s. and giuen Widdow Sharpe xij d. 5 s. v s.

Item spent in going to S^r James Bagge and at presenting of M^r Cowes vnto him to bee Assay M^r 6 s. 9 d. vj s. ix d.

1634-5. A grant of 5*l.* was made on 19th March as a help to the son of John Heath "who is chosen to be a ffellowe of Pembroke hall in Cambridge."

At the same Court measures were ordered to be taken for "suppresing of the excesse and abusive making of Crooked Lane ware, whereby the so doing and counterfeiting of the reall commodity of Tynn is to the greate deceit or wrong of his Ma^{ties} subiects."

On 16th April, Ashley Cheyney, Vintner, the Company's tenant at the Mitre in Fenchurch Street, was granted a new lease for 21 years on paying a fine of 100*l.* and giving a fat buck for the election dinner in August.

On 26th May the Master reported that the merchant farmers had raised the price of tin to the Company from 5*l.* to 5*l.* 12*s.* per cwt. upon all tin required by them beyond 100,000 lbs. It was decided to oppose the demand as contrary to the agreement. After much negotiation between the Company and the merchants, the following agreement was arrived at on 19th November. The Company were to have their supply of 100,000 lbs. continued for three years at the old rate of 4*l.* 10*s.* per cent.; they were to have a further quantity of 150,000 lbs. at 5*l.* 12*s.*, and any additional amount they might require at a reasonable price. The merchants now (1st December) secretly sought an extension of their patent from three to seven years; this put the Company again up in arms, and they appear to have fully held their own.

Imprimis [paid] vpon election of the Lord Maior the xxixth of September 11*s.* 6*d.* x*s.* v*j.* *d.*

This is the first instance of payments or of attendance at the Lord Mayor's election.

Item paid for two fiteenes for clensing of Moore ditch 13*s.* 4*d.* xii*j.* *s.* ii*j.* *d.*

Item paid to M^r Henry Cowes for saying of Tynne 25*l.* xxv*li.*

Mr. Cowes had a contract with the Company to assay tin in Cornwall and search for bad ware, but the arrangement not giving satisfaction to the Company, notice was given by them on 23rd February, 1635, to determine the agreement. (See p. 92.)

1635-6. On 23rd February, Richard March was censured "for making peece basons out of the foote mould out of a Candlestick."

Richard Doolittle, in consideration that he was not "of the trade," was allowed [10th March] to take another apprentice at a reduced fine.

On 17th March "the order from the Lord Maior and Court of Aldren concerning the striking of the Marke proper to the Goldsmithes" was read and ordered to be observed.

It was agreed (12th August) that anyone chosen Renter Warden and desiring to be excused, should be allowed to do so on payment of a fine, but he was no longer to be admitted as an Assistant, but must return to the Livery and take rank below such liverymen as have served Renter Warden. The reason given for this altered practice was that the Court of Assistants was becoming too large, and gradually approaching the number to which the Courts of the Twelve Great Companies are usually limited, viz., twenty-four, or twenty-eight at the most.

A fragmentary entry on the 5th of September records that "the sicknes [*i.e.* Plague] encreased and the p^{ty} was not willing to stay in London."

The day for swearing the new Master and Wardens was on 15th September altered from the Tuesday to the Thursday before Michaelmas.

Of Startupp Jackson freed by redemption . . . 9 s. 2 d. ix s. ij d.

This is a very early use of the term "redemption." The quaint Christian name of this new member indicates our approach to the period of Commonwealth supremacy.

ffor change of Potts And irons spent in search and other buisnesses
20 l. 16 s. 5 d. xx li. xvj s. v d.

ffor money giuen Nicholas Wright hee not being contented with his
allottment of Tynne 1 l. xx s.

ffor money giuen of what was saued by not keeping Quarter dynners for
releife of impfect persons 2 l. ij li.

1636-7. The poor workmen of the Company petitioned the Court on 23rd February "against the frequent making of the seuerall sorts of ware by the Crooked lane men of forraigne plater counterfaiting the wares formerly made by Pewterers of London of Pewter." The Court promised early redress.

The Company was informed on 16th March that the King had been asked to grant to Sir Selwyne Parker and others the right of searching for "false & deceitfull pewter," especially in the country, with a payment of "a halfepenny upon each pound for the searching." Sir Selwyn invited the Company's concurrence, and they undertook to suggest means for remedying the bad practices complained of.

Mr. LeBes HeBes a Minister presented [4th May] the Company with fifty books intituled directiones for writing and including obedience to bee perfourmed by children to their parents, and seruants to their Masters, for which the Company were please to giue him Twenty Shillings.

More receiued of William Hatfeild xij d. vpō a hundred of Tynn to defray charges of the Crooked lane buisnes &c. . . . 50 l. 11 li.

This was a charge upon the sale of tin to the members of the Company collected by Hatfield, the Beadle, whose duty it was to distribute the allotments of tin. (See pp. 91-2.)

pd the Clarke in consideraçõ of his dwelling 12 l. xij li.

Note the gradual rise of house rent from 3 l. to 8 l., and now to 12 l.

More to Collectours for visited parrishes 13 s. xiijs.

This was a charitable collection for parishes visited with the Plague.

paid for shipp money 8 l. viij li.

More to a poore Minister for books 1 l. xx s.

More giuen John dickins widdow to bury him . . . 1 l. xx s.

More at the distribution of 100 li. to the poore 17 s. 11 d. xvij s. xj d.

More at choice of the Sheriffs 13 s. xiijs.

More at second choice of Sheriffs 5 s. 5 d. v s. v d.

More at third election of Sheriffs 7 s. vijs.

This is a terrible record of the ravages of the Plague.

More giuen Amos Johnson by order of Court toward^e his voiage to Virginia 4 l. iiij li.

More for worke done about the hall Tables and the Bible
19 s. 4 d. xix s. iiij d.

More for hire of a Towell douzen of napkins playning the dressers and two trenchers lost 6 s. 8 d. vjs. viij d.

More to the Caruer and Porter at the Lord Maio^rs venison ffeast 10 s. xs.

More paid for two Maires then bought . . . 14 l. 12 s. xiiij li. xij s.

These horses were wanted for country searches.

More for horse meate at home . . . 3 l. 7 s. 6 d. iij li. vijs. vj d.

More paid mr Stewards guift for halfe a yeere and could not gett it againe 1 l. xxs.

Spent about the dismissionning S^r Selwine Parkers proiect for sealing of Pewter. [There are eight items, amounting to 5 l. 7 s. 7 d.]

Compare the minute of 16th March above. Sir Selwin's project seems to have been killed by courtesy and diplomacy.

More for a redd lether bagg 1 s. 6 d. js. vjd.

1637-8. It is ordred [15th March] y^e 2s. vpon a hundred more then formly is imposed shalbe laid vpon each hundred of Tynn from y^e merchants at the Allotement: towards renewing the Charter & other necessary affaires and chargs of the Comp^a.

This meeting [19th July] was called by y^e M^r & Wardens for y^e considering vpon such Articles as are requisite to be inserted [in the Charter] now to be renewed, at w^{ch} meeteing M^r Ryley was intreated and was p^rsent: w^{ch} were

1^{is} That wheras formly y^e power of search was only to the M^r & Wardens, y^t it may be to them there deputy or deputies.

2^{dly} That power may be granted to the s^d Company for y^e seazinge of all measures made for wyne ale Beere, Oyle, Milke & y^e like w^{ch} are not made of Brasse, Pewter, wood, &c^a according to the statute.

3^{dly} That all makers of Pewter or vessells of any kind shall sett his peculiar like or touch vpon y^e same for y^e avoideing of Abuses, as is vsed wthin the citty of London.

Lastlie that pclamation for executing of y^e same.

It is ordered [9th August] that the M^r & Wardens shall Chuse two merch^{ts} to ioyn^e wth what men shalbe chosen by M^r Child & y^e Pattentees for y^e deciding y^e difference betwixt y^e Comp^a and them.

A grant of 10*l.* was made on 20th September to a poor minister, named Blackborne, who was certified by "sundrie worthy diuines" to be very impotent and miserable through the loss of his sight.

Besides the charges for the renewal of their own charter, the Pewterers, in common with the other companies, were called upon [8th November] to contribute 56*l.* towards the cost of renewing the City's charter.

The Company was summoned on 13th December to attend the Lords of the Council at Whitehall, on Sunday, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

Of Thomas Alderman in pte of his fyne being xx li. for his admittance into y^e society 15 li. xv li.

Receiued more of William hatfeild w^{ch} hee collected vpon the Tynne towards chargs of the Charter 100*l.* C li.

See further entry on p. 109 and note thereon.

More spent on Candlmas day after our being at Paules with the Company 1*l.* xx s.

More paid for Thirteene quarters of Wheate at xlix s. the quarter 31*l.* 17 s. xxxj li. xvij s.

More giuen humfrey ffoones in regard of his losse of allotment of Tynne 1*l.* xx s.

More paid mr lord for losse in three quarters of meale serued in the markt 1*l.* 4 s. 4 d. xxiiij s. iiij d.

More for watching and warding a yeere 14 s. 8 d. xiiij s. viij d.

More to S^r Edward Powell about a referrence on the petiçon on our Charter 5*l.* v li.

This is one of many payments in connection with procuring the charter. The charter is dated 14th March in the King's fourteenth regnal year, 1638. It confers the following among other privileges. The right of search is granted throughout England, and may be exercised over all workmen in the trade, even if they belong to other misteries. Power is given also to the Master and Wardens to depute their right of search to other persons duly appointed by them as their representatives. Every maker, worker, or manufacturer of Tin, Pewter, or Ley metal is required to put his own "sign or note" to the said works, vessels, or manufactures. The privileges granted to the Company by previous charters are confirmed.

More paid sundry times writing out the Charter and the Companies orders a new with the correcting them w^{ch} were giuen m^r Beale and the Councill 5 l. v li.

More for mending the raynge and the boxe for the say moulds 2 s. ij s.

The use of double figures ceases after this year and the Roman numerals finally disappear. The amounts are entered henceforth in three columns in the modern method, with the headings li. s. d.

1638-9. ~~At this~~ Co^r [7th February] y^e answare of severall complaints exhibited to his Ma^{tie} and the Lords, and from them to S^r Ralph Freeman, S^r Paule Pinder, and Job Harbie, was conceaued and read, & on Satturday next the same to be deliuered & attended by the M^r & Wardens M^r Hills & M^r Cowes.

At a Court on the 21st February, the Master and Wardens were requested to solicit a renewal of the grant of 100,000 weight of tin at the lower price. To meet a request for a more equal distribution of the tin, this duty was delegated to a Committee, to consist of the Master and Wardens, three other Liverymen, and six representatives of the Yeomanry to be appointed by themselves.

It is ordred [10th August] that from henceforth all Danske Potts both wth lides & wthout lids shalbe burnished wthin.

M^r Colles moued the Comp^a [3rd October] that Peti^con may be preferred to the Kings Ma^{tie} in y^e name of the Comp^a that abel &

sufficient men to be assay Masters for the Tynn. In regard they haue receaued great detrym^t by vnskillfull men, the Company are not to be att any charge onlie the Comp^a name to be vsed, w^{ch} being it tends to the Companies good they are content their name shalbe vsed.

Edward Burgis for givinge 11½^d for old mettle contrary to an order made by the Gennerall Comp^a was fined at 20^s to be p^d next Co^{rt}.

At the same Court some stills made by Nicholas Wright, weighing 16 lbs., were seized as false, and valued at 7½^d. per lb.

Certaine Articles or propositions were read [12th December] w^{ch} are desired to be propounded to his Ma^{tie}, and y^e same by his Gracious pleasure to be graunted. The w^{ch} were all well liked by y^e Gennerall Comp^a

1st That y^e Measures for Beere, Ale, Milke & y^e like be of Pewter & sealed according to a statute in y^t case prouided.

2^{ndly} That noe Candlesticks, Pye Plates, Pie Coffines, chamber potts, Pastie platts, potts, or other dishes be made of white Plate w^{ch} doth hinder y^e consumption of Tynn.

3^{dly} That all forraign Ware, from ffrance, Holland &^{ca} be prohibited.

4^{thly} That y^e Comp^a of Pewterers of London may have power and Authoretie to search & sease all falce mettle & wares in Ireland and Scotland, according as in England is Prouided by Statute.

More y^e Lo: of Northumberlands Trompitor 02 s. 06 d.

More paid Carringe and recarringe of the Comp^a rayles at the Queen Mothers cominge to London [October, 1638] 1l. 01 s. 01 d.

More ribbine and staues (when the Kinge went to meete y^e Queene Mother) for 4 whiflers 04 s. 08 d.

This was the visit of Mary de Medicis, the mother of Charles I, who passed through the City of London on a visit to the King and Queen.

More spent at the dogge Tauerne at Newgate after being at the Councill Table 02 s. 10 d.

More paid M^r Tomson by order of Courte for the suppressinge of Crooked laine waire 1l.

More spent then M^r Robarts allowed at his wifes Buriall 1l. 18 s. 10 d.

The amounts allowed at funeral feasts were almost invariably exceeded.

More spent from the 9th of february to the 16th aboute the Charter & the Comp^{ts} by Allen & others before S^r Paul Pinder . . . 11 s. 09 d.

More given M^r Lightfoote twenty shillings to goe to M^r Attorney to resolve him why wee should not give the Kinge a rent Charge for a yeare & spent 3s & given the dore keeper 2s 6d in all . 1 l. 05 s. 06 d.

More spent after the distribution of his Ma^{ties} guift . . . 1 l. 18 s. 08 d.

More spent at the Chusinge of a Shereffe 03 s. 03 d.

No less than nine meetings are recorded for choosing Sheriffs this year.

Extraordinary Payments. Aboute the Hamermens complaint to the comissioners for charitable vses M^r Fry and my selfe went to the Lo: Tresurors to Fulham.

The above payments refer to the King's annual gift of 100*l.* to the poor workmen of the Company. They consist of seven items, including the entry next following.

More for writtinge all the 5½ years distributions of y^e 100*li* and a Certificate of 2 of the Comissioners for Charitable vses, against wee went to S^t John Bancks and given there 12 s.

Money Expended against M^r Brocklsby the younger beinge seued by the Companie in the Excheq^r for non payment of 78*l.* 00s. 03d. beinge the remainder of his accompt when hee was renter warden.

This suit cost the Company 7*l.* 18s. 9d. One of the items immediately follows.

More for seruinge 8 men with subpenas 12^d apeece 08 s.

M^r Pollidor Pritchard whose accompt was this p^rsent daie Auditted, vpon w^{ch} he was Indebted three skore and xijl xixs xd paid the said mony vnto M^r Thomas Hall. the Renter wardne. Wittnes Valentin Markham the said 23^o of Septemb^r 1640.

The clerk was witness to this payment of the balance, probably in consequence of the trouble with Brocklesby.





INITIAL LETTER OF CHARLES II'S CHARTER, 1674.

CHAPTER VIII.

Later Stuart Period.

TWO important changes are noticeable at this period, viz., the gradual extinction of the separate organisation of the Yeomanry, and the revolt of the country pewterers against the supervision of the London Company of Pewterers. The Fraternity of St. Michael disappeared at the Reformation, and with it went the strongest bond of union which the Yeomanry possessed. There only remained the Master and Wardens of the Yeomanry, officers who were chosen from the Livery and were always trying by fine or otherwise to escape from their unwelcome duties. The County Searches being unprofitable and a frequent cause of legal disputes, the Company became lax in the control of the country trade, with the result that country pewter became rapidly inferior, to the detriment both of the public and of the London trade.

1639-40. **Robert Hall** [19th May] takeing his ffredome of this Comp^a and as they thought for to keepe shopp for himselfe confessed as M^r John Jacome affirmeth, that he kept the shop for one Thomas Hockett of London Salter: and y^e s^d Hockett had y^e Benefitt But now saith that y^e goods were made over from Hockett to Hall for the benefitt of Artines he then being in Prison.

At a meeting on the 29th July a precept was received from the Lord Mayor for the sum of 360*l.*, the Company's proportion of a grant of 200,000*l.* to the King. The allotment was based on each Company's contribution of corn, at 6*l.* the quarter, the Pewterers contributing sixty quarters. The King offered "the ffarm^s of his Custome House" as security for repayment. The Court endeavoured to excuse themselves by reason of the Company's poverty, but without avail, and the money was borrowed at eight per cent. interest. The promise of repayment appears to have been kept some years afterwards.

Receaved [17th September] of one Cliffe Bellfounder for a defective
brasse pott seized off in the ffaire ij s.
More the Princes Trumpett [Paid to the King's Trumpeter] 02 s. 06 d.
More pd for ½ aloade of Charkecoles 1 l. 01 s. 06 d.
More spent at a dyner when wee chose burgeses 2 l. 14 s. 6 d.
More spent vpon a messenger that brought the Proclamation from
Sr Job Harvie 01 s. 03 d.
More pd for 4 dozen of napkins & lace for the skreene cloth & makinge
them 5 l. 15 s. 02 d.
More for sweete powder 01 s. 03 d.
Paid for a linke to light our M^r 03 d.
More pd M^r Gibbins for change of 3 Ewers & gildinge 3 Amylls 04 s. 9 d.

1640-41. A question arose (21st January) concerning the King's gift of 200*l.* per annum for the Company's poor members. The hammer men petitioned, claiming the grant exclusively for themselves, but at a meeting, in the presence of the Court, of sixteen hammer men, five triflers, or hollow-ware men, and "one of neither," it was decided by a show

of hands that the money was intended for the poor of the Company generally. The hammer men had previously complained both to the Court of Aldermen and to the King's Council.

On 20th February the Court ordered that the Patent, or Charter, should be enrolled, and instructed the clerk to that effect.

It was moved [23rd March] by Mr Hull y^t wheras his Ma^{tie} gives 200^{li} p^a for y^e Say Mr^s place w^{ch} is sold vnto severall men, that a Clause may be putt in y^e peti^{con} now to be delivered, that y^e Company might haue y^e putting in of men for that purpose.

Thomas Colle "y^e confectionarie," who was allowed a sub-lease for seven years of the house held by the Clerk from the Company, was required (23rd March) to give three marche paines at the next Master's feast, and one yearly at every such feast.

A marchpane was a favourite dessert dish with our ancestors. It was composed "of verie little flower, but with addition of greater quantitie of filberds, pine nuts, pistaces, almonds, and rosed sugar."—Markham's *Countrey Farme*, 1616.

A large number of the "genneralletie," or Freemen, attended the Court meeting on the 6th September, and claimed the right to take part in the government of the Company and in the election of Master, Wardens, and Court of Assistants. They refused to charge the ruling body with any offence against the general welfare of the Company, but were ready to state their case before the Court of Aldermen. At a later meeting (7th October) the Court offered to refer the hearing and determination of all differences to a Committee of twelve, six to be of the Assistants and Livery, and six of the Yeomanry or Freemen.

Two forfeited pieces of "false" pewter, one fine and the other lay were sold at the rate 3*l.* 10*s.* per cwt. (11th November).

On the 7th December the newly-elected Master and Wardens of the Yeomanry declined to accept office, urging that those offices were unnecessary. The Court took an opposite view, and the matter came before the Court of Aldermen on the complaint of the "Commonalty." The matter was referred to four aldermen, who were to summon both sides before them.

More pd for a Coppie concerning ye securetie and tymes of payment for
o^r 350 li. lent the Kings Ma^{tie} being y^e Comp^a proporcon of ye
60,000 li. lent 7 s. 6 d.

This 350*l.* was borrowed by the Company at eight per cent. interest.

More paid y^e M^r of Request M^r Lightfoote y^e Councello^r and M^r
Requests Clarkes for a reference from his Ma^{tie} about y^e holloware
mens peticon 7 l.

More spent 7^o Septemb y^e day of thancksgiveing 19 s. 2 d.

More spent about makeing a Bill for y^e tynn ffarmers about y^e ham-
mermens business 6 s. 6 d.

More paid & given vnto Sargante Phessant for his Councell and
attendance about y^e Refractorie Brethren of the Comp^a to witt
M^r Brocksly Junior, M^r Thomas Jackson and M^r Reynolds 3 l.

This was the dispute between the Court and the Yeomanry officials.

More for formes at S^t Pauls vpoⁿ y^e day of thanckegiving 05 s.

In the next year's account the item "ffor fformes at Pauls Cross"
appears for the last time. This famous pulpit was pulled down by order
of the Commonwealth in 1643. The Company continued long after to
occupy their forms *within* the Cathedral.

More spent at severall tymes going by water to ffulham to my lo:
Thresurers given the Secretaries men and Porters both there as also
at London at my Lord Cottingtons whilst y^e referance was to them
vntill it came to the L^d Maior & Aldermen about y^e hamermens
business 3 l. 15 s.

1641-2. Towards the relief of the poor distressed Protestants in
Ireland, the Court on the 17th March granted 10*l.*

Parliament was again ordered to be approached (3rd May) on the
old subject of obtaining tin at a lower price. An opposing petition was
presented by the tin farmers.

To meet a demand by Parliament from the City for 100,000*l.*, the
Company, whose proportion was 700*l.*, ordered (10th June) that this sum
should be taken up at interest.

A lease for twenty-one years was granted (16th June) to Mr. Cooke, an apothecary, of the Company's house, "the Helmet," at a rent of 30*l.*, with a fine of 200*l.* and a fat buck yearly for the Master's feast.

Mr. Warden Momford was allowed, on 11th August, to buy 1¼ cwt. of forfeited pewter, six grains less than fine, at 5*l.* per cwt.

It is referred vntill y^e next quarter Co^t whether the Wardens of yeomandry shall surcease yea or noe.

Nicholas Kelk was allowed, on 22nd September, another apprentice in place of W. Taylor, who was serving in the army. He promised to "referr himselfe" to the Court should his former apprentice return.

The Master and Wardens of the Yeomanry were ordered, on the 15th December, to "gather all the yearidg mony behind vntill this day," and to present new Wardens according to ancient custom, "that soe there may be some course taken for the future."

p ^d at y ^e L ^o Maio ^r s to y ^e Carver, Butler, Yeoman of y ^e seller and spent at y ^e windmill	1 <i>l.</i>
p ^d for 6 Breuiatte to give Parliament men	13 <i>s.</i> 6 <i>d.</i>
p ^d for ware cutt in Owin Jones shopp	1 <i>s.</i>
p ^d for 27 yarde stuffe to make footemens clothes to waite on the king	4 <i>l.</i> 10 <i>s.</i> 3 <i>d.</i>

This was for the state visit of Charles I to Guildhall on his return from Scotland.

p ^d for 14 doz 3 y rd e lace for y ^e Clothes & Whifflers	1 <i>l.</i> 17 <i>s.</i> 10 <i>d.</i>
p ^d for ribon for the footemens hatt ^e & horses	6 <i>s.</i>
p ^d M ^r Hatfeild to make his sonnes suite to carry y ^e penant	18 <i>s.</i>
p ^d the Tayler for makeing 8 suites	1 <i>l.</i>
p ^d for 8 Trunchins & 6 whifflers stau ^e s	5 <i>s.</i>
p ^d for paynting y ^e stau ^e s	3 <i>s.</i>
p ^d for hyer of a chayne for myselfe	8 <i>s.</i>
p ^d for hyer of 2 gownes to waite on y ^e king w th ye portidge	12 <i>s.</i> 8 <i>d.</i>
p ^d for 16 torches at 16 ^d p p ^{ce} w th portidge	1 <i>l.</i> 1 <i>s.</i> 10 <i>d.</i>
p ^d for hier of 2 Clothes for y ^e rayles or standing to wayt on y ^e king	14 <i>s.</i>

p^d at y^e East India house & given about M^r Childs busines . 17 s. 8 d.
 p^d at Guildhall by appoyntm^t of a Coⁿ of Assistance instead of Corne
 given for Irland 10 l.
 p^d at a Meeteing at y^e Mairmead wth y^e Ld^e upo[?] loane mony . 6 s. 2 d.
 p^d at Miter in ffanchurchstreet & for 2 baggs to put 200^{li} in . 2 s. 2 d.
 spent vpon receipt of 400 li and buying 4 baggs 2 s. 3 d.
 p^d for carrying 700^{li} to Guildhall & spent after 3 s.

This large sum was "lent y^e parliament for Irland."

p^d M^r Phillips for hier of a horse & saddle to waite on y^e king . 18 s.
 p^d M^r ffulhams Maide for putting on o^r gownes 1 s.
 p^d M^r Cowes for hier of 2 horses & keepeing them when y^e Comp^a
 attended vpon his Ma^{tie} 10 s. 6 d.

This accompt was Audited But not ffinished in regard that M^r Child
 & M^r Brocklesby and M^r heath thre of the Auditto^rs would not allowe of
 Ten pounde paid M^r William hills towards his Charges in houlding the
 M^r place the second tyme although it was ordred by Court and him selfe
 willinge to haue paid his fyne . Soe that vpon his Occatione & not allowinge
 of xxvj s viij d vsually allowed of late yeares to others towards expences in
 receauing rents & the like his accompt was not signed nether the xijli ijs ix d
 paid . But likely to be lost M^r Momford beinge dead.

1642-3. On the 16th May the Court received news of a further
 demand from the Parliament for a weekly assessment of 8l. (part of
 10,000l. levied on the City per week) and an immediate payment of 64l.,
 the contribution for eight weeks. This obliged the Company (18th May)
 to sell their plate, which realised 251l. 1s. 1d., made up as follows:—

	li.	s.	d.
Gilt plate, 410¾ oz. at 5 s. 3 d. per oz. .	107	16	4
White plate, 522 oz. at 4 s. 10½ d. per oz. .	127	4	9
Gilt spoons, 64 oz. at 5 s. per oz.	16	0	0

The plate was purchased (13th June) by Mr. Thomas Vyner, gold-
 smith. An illustration of five old pieces of plate formerly belonging to
 the Company, but probably acquired after the date of this sale, will be
 found in Vol. I, p. 238.

On the 10th July, 350*l.* was asked as the Company's share of a new demand for 50,000*l.* They pleaded, but to no purpose, that they were already burdened to such an extent that if all their lands were sold, the proceeds would not discharge their present obligations. Being summoned before the Parliamentary Committees sitting at Haberdashers' Hall and Weavers' Hall, they were required on 20th November, to deliver in a rental of their lands and a list of their members. What eventually happened, the gap in the Company's records after this year prevents us from learning.

Recaued of Jn^o Prince for y^e fine of a house in Fenchurch street 80*l.*
spent at the receipt of the kings Booke and let^r 4*s.* 7*d.*
giBen y^e Officers at Guild hall to gett abatem^t of o^r weekly assesmt 2*s.*
spent by diuers of y^e Assistant^e in consenting to whom the mony should
 be paid to, w^{ch} was recd for Plate 2*l.* 3*s.* 10*d.*
p^d y^e Collecto^{rs} for 6 weekes Assesm^t vpon y^e Hall at 5*li.* p weeke being
 in p^t of 12 weekes 30*l.*
paid M^r Mullins w^{ch} he spent vpon y^e Company being at a meeteing at
 Gildhall on discou^t of a Plott 1*s.* 6*d.*
p^d & spent at Guild hall about S^r W^m Waller 2*s.*
p^d at y^e Miter at a meeteing aboute y^e loane of 350*li.* vpon the Citty
 seale 10*s.* 5*d.*
p^d & spent after summons & attending y^e L^{ode} & Comittees at Haber-
 dashers hall 2*s.*
p^d M^r Diton for 2 subsidies assessed vpon y^e Hall being left vnpaid by
 M^r Warden Momford 5*l.* 4*s.*
p^d M^r James Clarke & Jn^o Archer subcollecto^{rs} for the first payment of
 the Royall Subsidey 10*l.*
p^d Thomas Cliffe for glasses for y^e Comp^a 13*s.* 7*d.*
p^d & spent y^e 20th Januarie being a Comon hall to hear the Kings
 message 16*s.* 10*d.*

1643-4. At a Court on 27th January, it was resolved to proceed with the petition against the Tin Farmers "with some Aditions for stay of the transportation of all such tynne as nowe Remaineth in the ffarmors hands vntill the same may be wrought into vessels in this Kingdome."

A break now occurs in the Court books from the date of the above entry to the 23rd September, 1647, when the next volume begins. The missing years are not nearly enough to fill a volume, and following the minutes of the Court held on 27th January, 1643, are forty-five blank leaves. The writing in the new volume is by another hand, and it is possible that the office of Clerk was held during the interval by a careless official who neglected to enter up his minutes. No volume of rough minutes exists to supply the deficiency, the Audit Books being the only available source of information for the next three years.

1644-5. More for 12 men cominge into the Livory at 12 li. the peece is 144 l.
 Paied for 6 Beere glasses 2 s. 3 d.
 Paied for keepinge the fformes at Pawles 5th Novemb^r . . . 1 s. 6 d.
 Paied & laied out at severall tymes goeing to Grocers Hall vpon severall occasions at the Companies apointment 1 l. 7 s. 2 d.
 Paied the Beadle of the ward his sallery 5 s.
 Paied for $\frac{1}{2}$ a load of Charcoale 17 s.
 Paied spent goeing to Weavors hall at severall tymes . . . 12 s.
 Paied laied out at severall tymes in search of ffrench wares and sealinge of the same 1 l. 1 s. 6 d.
 Paied spent goeing to Twicknham aboute knowinge the new M^{rs} resolution whither he would hould or not 16 s. 9 d.
 Wee do finde the Lord Maior & Cominaltie of this Cittie indebted for 350^{li} paied into his Ma^{te} Excheqr in October 1640 for w^{ch} some security was given vnto ffeoffees of this Cittie for repaym^t wth the consideration of 8 p C^t p ann^d due the 30th of October 1641 the w^{ch} being continued till the 30th of October last there was due for principall & interest 490^{li} whereof paied vpon accompt to Master Warden Carter 35^{li} Soe remained then due 350^{li} principall & 105^{li} for consideration in all 455 l.

The Auditors also note a further debt of the Corporation of 924^l. for principal and interest of the Company's assessment in June, 1642, for the relief of Ireland.

1645-6. *Ordred* by a Co^t of Assistants to be allowed to the M^r & Wardens for the Masters feast for their Guests . . . 6l.
£o M^r Mainwaring & Clerk for Taxes for S^r Thomas ffairfax 16l. & spent going wth them to the Co^mittee 6 s. 8 d. . . 16l. 06 s. 08 d.
£o 11 of the Comp^{ie} dining wth the Lo: Maior . . . 11 l. 00 s. 00 d.
£o M^r & Wardens 6 s. 8 d. a peece . . . 01 l. 0 s. 0 d.
£o 6 of the Li^uy that went wth them . . . 03 l. 0 s. 0 d.
£o M^r Brocket y^t made the 7th man . . . 01 l. 0 s. 0 d.
£o severall Officers in y^e Lo: Maiors house . . . 01 l. 4 s. 6 d.
£o M^r Hatfield at severall times for the building M^{rs} Hallams house, for w^{ch} he hath accompted to the Auditors . . . 22 l. 14 s. 10 d.

Hatfield, the Beadle, deserved well of the Company for his capability and varied services. The superintendence of this work, costing so large a sum, must have proved a great tax equally upon his time and his talents.

¶ Paid after Cort^e of assistant^e subsidies, wth divers other reparacōns & diuers besides those at the hall, wth Glasiers Joyners Bricklayers Smiths bills as p the severall bills shewed appeareth 66 l. 10 s. 5½ d.

¶ Paid more this year vpon severall occasions, Going to Westm^r by water wth divers of assistant^e and generality to attend vpon the Parliam^t and Co^mittee of Revenues wth severall peticōns, dinners, & the like 42 l. 11 s. 10½ d.

1646-7. *M^r Dabbes* pd [2nd November] for 24^c of Bares [bars] Casting xij s. Mr heath for 145^c or 14,500^{ft} Casting Bares 3 l. 12. 6.

It is ordered and agreed [23rd November] that wheras 100^m w^t of Tynn is to be deliuered at 4l. 18 s. the C that euery member of the Comp^{ie} whoe shall haue the same shall pay after the rate of xij d. the C to the vse & behoofe of the hall towards the great expences & Charges w^{ch} the Comp^{ie} for many years haue ben at in the obteneinge of the same.

This charge to their members allowed the Company a return of 1 s. on every cwt., or of 50 l. on the whole transaction. The cwt. is reckoned in these books at 100 lbs.

¶ Paid for a Banquet for the Yeomanry . . . 5 l. 8 s. 3 d.
¶ Paid spent after meeting at Pauls church . . . 1 l. 4 s. 9 d.

Paid after a Conference wth the Tin Merchant^e 5 s. 5 d.
 Paid & spent after a meeting wth the Tin Farm^{rs} 13 s. 8 d.
 Paid in expences about the Button-makers 5 s. 6 d.
 Paid the Collecto^re for the British Army 1 l. 17 s. 11 d.
 Paid in folowing the Comi^ttee of the Revenue about y^e Tin busines
 24 l. 4 s. 11 d.

1647-8. Mr Robins [11th May] beinge to be Buried to morrowe
 a supp^r is to be given to the liuery & if the widdowe will not pay for it
 then the Comp^ye to bere the Charge.

Mr Wine Jones [20th June] whoe should haue held steward vpon
 the last thancks giving daie refused the same, soe he was willed to
 forbear sitting in Court as one of the Livery as formly vntill the matter
 be decided.

Mr Henry Sweeting having Receaued the keay of the Seale from
 M^{rs} Robins, it is at this Court thought fitting & soe Ordred & desired
 That the sd Mr Sweeting shall haue the keeping therof, being this daie
 deliued vnto him.

It is thought fitting [8th August] and soe Ordred that frō hence-
 forth noe mony be taken of women & men at the m^r ffeaste as formarly
 nether at Quarters daies to take vj d. a pece of the Liuary. In
 Consideratione wherof it is Ordred and agreed that the p^rsent M^r &
 warden shall haue xjth for the M^r ffeast next to be mad & xx^s for a
 sermon & likewise three pound quarterly for & towards ther quarter
 dynne^s & this to be paid to all Wardnes Sucessily [successively].

A further order was made on 17th August that at the Quarter
 dinners the Master and Wardens "should bid such guests & pform the
 said dynners as at & in there tymes were accostomed."

At the same Quarter Court (17th August) "the yeomandry were
 dismissed with out Orders red."

At the Quarterly Courts the Yeomanry were present, and remained
 until the ordinances were read. After the Master had announced the
 result of the Search, and given a charge to all the Company to make
 good wares, the Yeomanry retired.

It was ordered on 12th October that the ancient practice of choosing Master and Wardens of the Yeomanry should be continued, together with the obligation of those officers to make a supper at their "entrance" and a dinner and banquet at the "determinatione of there yeres."

To m^r Bowyer for a Clock 5l.

Spent at the distribu^{ti}on of Bar money 1l.

Spent at thallotting of the Tyn & at y^e deli^u therof . . . 1l. 9d.

paid & given the Clerk by order of Co^t for writing y^e Tickets for deli^uie of the Tyn after allotment 2l.

Spent at the making a New contract wth the Baker for to serve the Comp^{ie} ppor^{ti}on of Corne if it be required vntill Octob^r next 15s. 3d.

paid M^r hawkins Baker for the Contract for corn last year . . . 10l.

paid ffor the Buriall of Daniel Jenkins 10s. 4d.

paid & spent at the buriall of M^r Robbins on a supper at Kings head 6l. 7s.

paid M^{rs} Robins the widow of John Robbins 50^{li} principall & 8 moneths Interest att 6l. p C 52l.

The Company also owed Mrs. Robins 200l. at the same rate of interest.

paid M^r hull for Copie of a branch of M^r Robins will out of the prerogative Co^t 3s. 6d.

To m^r Hawkins the Baker for the Second Contract for Corn to serve the Citie 4l.

more paid vnto sundry poor men & weemen of the Comp^{ie} being ordred most by Co^t 4l. 19s. 8d.

1648-9. At a general Court on the 22nd February the following heads of a petition to Parliament were submitted and adopted. "1. That ther may be a ffree buying of Tyn for all men, & soe to be declared by the house. 2. That all tynn wch shalbe gotten in England may be wrought into vessell in this kingdom before it be transported into foraign pts. 3. That all measures for liquid Comodites may be mad of such mettle or stuffe as will take the faire Impression of a seall."

At this Court [3rd July] Valentin Markham ther Clarke in Regard the bible giuen by M^r Chester was Stolen away, did p^rsent them wth an other, desired them to accept therof.

Received more of the said warden which was rec^d of severall members of the Company for a rate of xij d. upon the C of Tinne which money is to be repaid them again if the Tinne be not delivered . 25 l.

Severall assesm^te paid.

To m^r Mainwaring for 3^o m^o at 4^{li} p m^o 12 l.

Other payments to Peters, Lowfeild, and Aylet, Collectors.

Paid more to thaforesaid severall Collecto^re in full of the 10^o m^o 6^o m^o 4^o m^o and 9^o m^o assesm^te at 4^{li} p moneth the sume of . 44 l.

More paid to the severall Collecto^{rs} as foloweth.

To Silvanus Hide & Richard Best for severall weekly assesm^te for Ireland 4 l. 2 d.

To Richard Handy and Thomas Chaplin for releif of Ireland by ordinance of Parliam^t 9 Marcij 1645 5 l. 10 s.

To Thomas Archer Coll^r for 12^o M^o assesm^t at 10 s. p M^o for the army 6 l.

To Robert Jennings for 6^o M^o assesm^t for releif of Ireland . 5 l. 10 s.

To Henry day Collecto^r for the arrears of the 6, 10 & 4 moneths 2 l. 10 s.

To John Archer for a tax upon the 90000^{li} assesm^t for England & Ireland 1 l. 17 s. 6 d.

These entries are specimens of the excessive demands made on the Company by the Commonwealth.

SanChurch street for severall taxes upon the Tenants.

Upon the Mitre Tavern by bils . . . 8 l. 10 s. 0 d.

Upon the helmet M^r Batersby by bils . 5 l. 2 s. 6 d.

Upon John Princes house . . . 1 l. 16 s. 6 d. 15 l. 14 s. 6 d.

Similar payments occur to the rest of the Company's tenants in Lime Street, Candlewick Street, Bread Street, and Gregory Alley. The "bils" were probably for entertainment of soldiers quartered on the tenants.

More paid for ij beds with oth^r furniture for the Lord ffairfax his Souldiers 7 l. 19 s.

More paid & given by ord^r of Court vnto severall poore men & women
this year 9l. 4 s. 6 d.
p^d for the yeomandries feast and toward plate 3l. 0 s. 6 d.
More Paid m^r ffulham for 12^o M^o interest of 200^{li} at 6 p Cent due
the [date omitted] 12l.
paid for M^r Carter the last vpper warden being expended to make what
he could not pay 10l. 11 s. 8 d.

1649-50. *The* p^rcept from the Lo: Maio^r concerning the taking
of the Engadgment was Read [7th November] & the Liuey then p^rsent
was mad acquainted the teno^r was that they should meet to take the
Engadgme^t.

More to the Town Clark for writing the ord^r and their peticon to the
Lord Maio^r and Court of Aldermen 5 s. 6 d.
More spent upon the Comp^{ies} buisnes 1^o & 2^o ffebr spent when we went
to the Comon Sergeant about o^r antient ord^r 3 s. 6 d.
p^d m^r Markham for mony expended by him among the rest of the 12
Comp^{ies} Clarks about a peti^{cion} for money owing by the Chamb^r of
London 3 s. 6 d.
Spent in search having 2 of the Lo. Maiors officers to attend 8 s. 6 d.
Spent at o^r going to get Alderman Allen to p^rfer o^r peticon to the Parl^t
3 s. 6 d.
Spent at a meeting of the M^r & Wardens at the hall to consid^r of Steward
for 26th July 6 s. 9 d.

1650-1. At a Court on 22nd April, the Company were again
petitioning for measures to be taken to check the exportation of
unwrought tin, and for more strictly putting into execution the statutes
concerning sealed measures.

The Newe M^r moued [25th September] that all the Assistance
would Come to Courts of Assistants in there Liuerie Gownes yet left
to there discretion.

p^d the Clarke for New making of the table [*i.e.* a framed list] after A
new Liuerie taken in 10 s.

pp^d a tax for the fforts 1650 Nouemb^r 15 . . . £10 10
 pp^d A tax for the Hall 1651 7tem^r 4 . . . £5 . . . 15^{li} 10s.

1651-2. At this Court [26th February] it was by the M^r to knowe what Course the Comp^{ie} haue taken & nowe vsually doe take Concerning the Assay of Mettle both ffyne & laye, & whether ther be any standard to that purpose, Soe M^r hatfield Certified that there was a peece of Mettle w^{ch} was taken about 1635 w^{ch} till this tyme Contyneweth in vse, & is approued of & so Ordred that there shalbe an Assay of both plate mettle & tynn, & this to be kept in the hall for posterety & M^r Hatfield to haue mettle allwayes to lye by him.

On 20th May a new lease of the Mitre in Fenchurch Street was granted at the increased fine of 150*l.*, and the additional gift of a pair of gloves "to each man of the assistants." On another occasion (21st September, 1654), a tenant had to include the Clerk and Beadle in his distribution of gloves.

At this Court [25th November] the M^r mad knowne That A stranger maketh dishes plate trenchers & sundry other sorts of wares Called Siluorum aluding to siluer Beinge as is Conceaued very p^riudiciall to this Company, ffor Redresse wherof this meeting was Called. [It was decided to take steps to repress both the maker and the metal. This entry has two marginal notes, "A Major" and "Co^mon welth:" the former refers to the maker of the new ware, Major Purling.]

pp^d spent on the Humiliation day (9 June) 8 s. 10 d.

These days of Humiliation occurred very frequently at this period.

pp^d for a Howerglasse 6 d.

1652-3. Thomas Allen is forbidden [3rd February] to worke any more wth Maio^r purling the Siluorum worker.

August 24 in Bartholomew faire in 2 pences and vntoucht waïre 7 s.

Octobr 4 p^d when the kinge Came out of Scotland 1*l.* 10s.

No^vemb^r 1 spent at the ffountaine St Anns Laine Agreeinge with m^r Parkes to hould Steward 5 nouember 6 s. 10 d.

June 2 spent vpon all occasions to prosecute Major Purlinge ffrom
25 novemb^r 1652 to this day 14^l 4 s. 9 d.

See the minute of 25th November above. Major Purling was a
worker in a new metal in imitation of silver, called Silvorum.

August 29 p^d Mr Hardy for a sermon 1^l
p^d ffor Chaunge of the Hall Pewter 14^l 4 s. 10 d.

Septemb^r 17 p^d for mendinge the tapstrie Carpet 2 s. 6 d.

1653-4. LaBrence Dyer [16th February] for vntoucht ware, &
making of faulce plat Called Siluorum the w^{ch} ware is Ceased & deteyned
by the Company.

Ordred & agreed [16th March] that three pounds w^t [weight] tyn
glasse at least be mixed & put into one thousand w^t of Tyn, to w^{ch}
purpose a quantetie of Tyn glasse is to be pvided by or vpon the halls
stocke, to furnishe those that shall want the same, this to begine by
Midsomr day next, or sooner if requisit.

The Comp^{ie} of Copp-Smithes desired Reliefe [13th April] against
one Thomas Smith for not obseruing the Comp^{ies} Orders, & to haue a
Coppie of ther Orders from this Comp^{ie}

The coppersmiths as workmen were under the authority of the
Pewterers' Company, but had a separate organisation.

At the same Court consideration was given to the unwillingness of
the young men to act as whiffers "vpon the Lo^d Maio^{rs} day & other
solemnetes vpon the like occations, & for waiters vpon the Comp^{ie} at ther
Ellectione dayes & the like," and a fine was fixed for neglect of this duty.

On the 13th July three Freemen of the Company desiring to come
on the Livery were admitted on payment of a fine of 15^l. each.

M^r Robert Lucas [17th August] having more worke then the
number of apprentices allowed him by the Comp^{ies} Orders Cane
pforme, and Journeymen not to be had vpon any reasonable termes,
desired the boards fauour that he might take an other apprentice,
whoe refering him selfe to the Company, gaue him leaue, for w^{ch} they
Ordred him to pay x^{li}.

The Company [same Court] havinge an intent to laye asid the Choice & Ellectiones of M^r and Wardens of the yeomandry, beinge as is Conceaued by the maio^r part an vnecess Charge and burthen some to many if Contynewed, howsoeuer it was a good reliefe to diuers poore members whoe by that meanes had anuall pentiones, w^{ch} the Companie by reason of the great taxes in later tymes Imposed vpon them are not very well able to vndergoe.

It was [at the same Court] generally Conceaued that the kepinge of boothes in Smithfield or therabouts at Barthollmetide or in Southwarke was very p^riudiciall to the publicke good of this Companye. And therefore Concluded & soe ordred that from henceforth this yeare excepted, that Noe free brother shall keep any faire or market wthin 7 myles of this Cittie, & whoe soeuer shall doe the Contrary shall forfitt & pay to the Company, ten poundes x^{li}

Elias Austin at y^e Request of Seuerall Coper Smiths was put in place [14th December] to looke after the Due Performance of there Orders and the takinge of Apprentices @ y^e like.

The Company had not been successful in procuring the imposition of a tax on the exportation of tin and resolved at this Court to petition the Lord Protector "or Els where for Reliefe herein."

October 29 To a Porter fetching the Pewter from Sher^r Phillips 6 d.

Mr. James Phillips, a Pewterer, was one of the Sheriffs for the year 1653-4. The Company, as usual on such occasions, lent him their plate and pewter.

Novemb^r 10 P ^d the M ^r and Wardnes when the Company Dined with the Sherif	£4	} £30
10th to 15 Assistant men	£15	
More to 22 Liury men	£11	

Decemb^r 2 P^d the Beadle of the Marchant Taylors for o^r Pt of Charge for there Barge as p bill

ffeb^r 7 P^d ffor mending the Streamers when wee waited vppon y^e Lord Protector as p bill 12 s.

May 6 P^d M^r Smith y^e Gouldsmith for a Siluer bowle whereof 5^{ti} was
giuen by m^{rs} ffulham £5 16 9
August 5 P^d M^r Markham what he Expended with the 12 Clarks about
the Companies Buisenies 6 s. 6 d.
August 16 P^d M^r Hatfield [the Beadle] for a pinte Sack spent wth a
tenant 1 s.
August 22. P^d for 35 foot of wyer for y^e Hall windowes bill . 17 s. 6 d.
7 tem^{br} 27 P^d to the Church wardens of the Parish towards the Repaire
of the Church [St. Dionis] as p Order of Court £10

1654-5. One effect of the Civil War is seen in the number of members of the Company who now appear with the title of Captain.

Thomas Smith, coppersmith, paid [25th January] for Coming into y^e
Liuerie ffifteene pounds xv li

This entry shows that the Coppersmiths had full privileges in the Pewterers' Company, although they formed by themselves a minor organisation within it.

Ordered and voted [22nd March] by Erection of hands that Tinn Glasse be mixed in there tinn according to an order bearing Date the 16 of March 1653 which specifies that 3th waight of tinn glase be mixed and put into one thousand waight of Tinn a little more or lesse according as the Tinn will beare itt. [Penalty for disobedience, 10s.]

Ordered and voted [same Court] by a generall Consent that the Sad ware shall be Sould at 15^d pth [per lb.] and for Change take 3^d pth this of retaile Customers and to Chapmen in the Country 14^d pth and Change 2^d pth and this to begin at our Lady day next and this to be obserued and kept till ffurther Order.

William Pettiuier App^r to Oliuer Roberts is nott [17th May] to be made ffree till next Court but hath leaue to strike M^r Barnards touch in the meane time.

Ordered and voted [16th August] by Erection of Hands that no ffree Brother shall giue any more the [than] 12^d pth for ffine and 9^d pth for Lay. [Penalty 20s.]

It was Agreed [same Court] there should be a Say master for Tinn and Cap^t W^m Archer to be the man for that place.

Mr Peter Parks [13th December] Paied to y^e Renter warden three pounds five shillings w^{ch} he had long Since receaved for * * * mony iij^{li} v s.

This extraordinary entry may be compared with a similar one on p. 234 of Volume I.

The Court [same day] Contracted with Hawkins for the yeare Ensuing at iiij^{li} to haue ower Proportion of Corne in readines if occation shall present.

There are twenty-five admissions to the Freedom this year, of which twenty-four are by apprenticeship, and one only by patrimony.

ffeb^r 12 Of M^r Stone and the rest of the Trustees for o^r 10th part of the Lands in Ireland sold vnto Edward Cary Esq^r at 14 s. p^t

£50 3 s. 4 d.

August 24 Rec. in 2 pences Bartholomew ffaire, & for light waights

10 s. 2 d.

Decemb^r 10 paid the Clarke what he expended with the Company of Clarkes about the Lands in Ireland sold to Esq^r Cary . . . 4 s.

ffeb^r 2 Spent receiving o^r dividnt of 700l. which came to £50. 3. 4 d.

7 s. 3 d.

March 23 Spent with some of the Company at the Miter aft^r a Meeting about an Order of rating sad ware to 15^d p^t. & Change 3^d p^t. 5 s.

Aprill 4 paid for the bringing of News of the death of Jincks & other expences in sending & rec. answers about estate of Lands at vtoxeter £1. 11. 4

June 14 spent after Humiliation at Pauls at the Castle Taverne Paternoster Roe with o^r Companie 5 s.

August 10 Given to my Lord Maio^rs officers & others when the companie dined there wth their wives £1. 2

Septem^r 27 paid M^r Johnson Limner for drawing the picture in the hall £10

This may very probably be the portrait of William Smalwood, which is reproduced as a frontispiece to the first volume of this work.

1655-6. **This** Day [28th February] it was moued by M^r William Archer that y^e Comittee would be pleased to giue an Estimation what quantitie of Tinn is Transported yearly vnrought after some Debate Did Conceau 500000 waight more or Lesse w^{ch} at xxx^s the hundred will Amount vnto £7000: p Annum more or lesse..

The Comp^{ie} of Plumers Came to this Court [20th March] and desired to know whether this Court will maintaine M^r Simkin in Casting Still bottoms the Court Answered that they may take there Course the Law was open and for their parts they owned none of his actions.

Mr. Cox to haue [11th September] Such a touch as the Comp^a shall order with r & c wth a knot about it and 1656.

Some bad ware was seized from this maker, for which he was ordered to take a new touch. He was probably the "Ralph Cox" described as "a prisoner" in the call-list for this year.

Ordered at this Court [same day] y^t all the Pewter Seized this yeare and y^t was in y^e hall before being defectiue ware to be melted downe and Sould for Lay except the french mans ware & y^e dutch ware and Marsh ware.

Mr Goudge [same day] to make his touch R. G. wth a knot about it & 1656.

A similar order for Mr. Cox appears just above. The knot may have been a mark of disgrace.

Clement Wastell Desired this Court [9th October] that they would be pleased to lett him Strike a Small touch with C W for his Small Salts the Court gaue him to Answer Could not Allow of butt one touch but ffurther Did giue Consent that should make his small touch in the same forme as his other and the Same to y^e Hall to be brought and there Left.

On the 27th December a small Committee was appointed to meet the Tinnners at the Rose tavern without Temple Bar.

Octob 10 pd Spent going about the Peticōn for an Impost 03 s. 03 d.

12 pd Spent going to white hall about y^e Peticon for Impost
08 s. 02 d.

17 pd Spent wth y^e Comittee after drawing up o^r Reasons concerning y^e Peticon for Impost & goeing to White hall to deliver yt 17 s. 06 d.

Decemb^r 5 pd for mending the greate bible 01 s. 06 d.
ffeb^r 28 pd Spent vpon the Peticon for an impost on tyn goeing to white
 hall & deliuing the answer to y^e Surveyo^r Generall concerning y^e
 Transporting of neer 700000 wait of tynn unwrought w^{ch} at xxx^s p
 C will amount to neer 7000^l p ann^y this Sum was Spent in 6 days
 goeing to whitehall wth the Comp^a 1 l. 04 d.

March^e 15 pd Spent after choosing a new Bridg M^r 07 s. 06 d.
 20 pd M^r Bradshaw for a dish made by a frenchmā 03 s.
 24 pd Spent after a meeting att the hall & treating wth y^e tyn^{rs}
 concerning y^e tyn at the Sun tavern 12 s. 03 d.
 26 pd Spent more wth M^r Ollife & other after y^e M^r & wardene being
 warned before the Lord Maio^r by a Copp Smith 03 s. 10 d.
 27 pd given to M^r Comōn cryer y^e M^r & Wardens appearing
 before y^e Lord Maio^r & court of Aldermen about a Copp
 Smith to be made free 05 s.

Aprill^e 17 pd in Search of the ffrenchmans ware James Tauden & given
 to y^e Beadle Souldiers Carmen & Porters & other Officers in
 takeing the ware & Spent afterward wth Se^uall of y^e Comp^a &
 those y^t were aiding to us as p bill 4 l. 07 s. 08 d.
 18 pd Spent goeing to Whitehall about y^e Peticon & giving the
 ffrenchman warning to leave working 03 s. 08 d.

A multitude of other entries appear in this year's account concerning
 the prosecution of James Taudin before the Court of Aldermen and in
 the Exchequer. Taudin appealed to Cromwell, and his case involved the
 Company in great expense and trouble.

May^e 9 pd Spent Seizing on outlandish ware att a M^rchants house
 being 96 Doz. of cupps 7 s. 09 d.
 22 Given to M^r Avery y^e towne Clerke 1 l.
June^e 27 pd Given M^r Phillips Counsellor for his Advice of the Charg
 Laid ag^t y^e M^r & Wardens by James Simkin & Comp^a 1 l.

This is an early mention of a private Company.

July^e 8 pd Robt frith for warning a Court & unwarning 01 s.
Septemb^r 15 pd for q^r 26th Peake bought to melt y^e mettall 13 s. 09 d.

1656-7. ~~This~~ meeting [5th March] was intended to bee a Court of Assistance but warden Heath absenting him selfe it was conceived to bee noe Court whereby the buisness of the Court was frustrate and there mony spent to noe purpose.

The Master, the Junior Warden, and fifteen of the Assistants were present at this "frustrated" meeting.

Upon debate [23rd April] of M^r Needhams Ley wanting 3, 4, 6, 7 8 & 1 gall: lid 18 graines it was ordered that his metall be forfeited and that hee pay 4^d p li for redeeming of it and that it bee refined at the Hall & pay his mony before hee haue it a way.

Mr: Ben: Scott paid 10^l [12th June] as his fine for Steward for a feast being a thanksgiuen day for a success obtained against the Spaniard by sea 10^l.

M Joß: Bennetts Legacy of 6^l was this day [18th June] paid by ward: Seeling to 24 poore men.

At this Court [10th September] the buisness of the Copper Smith consenring there going of ffrom vs the debate was deferred till another time.

At this Court [same day] it is ordered that the pewter of the hall shall not bee lent to any of the Memb^{rs} of this Court or to any other but vpon Spetiall occasion for his or there one pticuler vses as in case of wedding or other grand occasions of there one, nor then neither wthout Spetill lisence of the Mast^r and wardens first had and obtained.

At a meeting of the Maist^r of the Company 28th of Septemb^r 1657 to sweare a new Mast^r and wardens lately chosen by a Court of Assistance w^{ch} should haue beene pformed the Thursday before Michelmas day according to antient Custome but by the wardens being absent it was deferred vntill this psent day and there and then they were sworne in psence of [those attending the Court, noted in the margin.]

Recd of Six Seluall members as a fine for not apearing in gowne & hood at Paules. 3 s.

A fine of 10^l. was received of John Bennett, a potter (*i.e.*, a maker of pewter pots), for not coming on the Livery.

pd Warden Heath to discharge 6 frenchmen & to send them out of the Land they giuing Bond neuer to retorne more	5 l. 8 s.
pd Spent & laid out about the oylemen	3 s. 10 d.
pd for a sett of ffigures	6 s.
pd Spent upon a day of Thanksgiuing	7 l. 4 s. 5 d.
pd Spent vpon a day of Humilliation	19 s. 7 d.
pd y ^e Sexton of Silu ^r streete Church y ^e Comp ^{ne} metin	2 s.
pd M ^r Simkin as p order for the oyle Measures	1 l. 13 s.

1657-8. James Taudin, a naturalised Frenchman with whom the Company had been in controversy for two years past (see p. 122 *ante*), as to pewter of bad workmanship which they had taken from him, was on 21st January admitted a freeman and liveryman, and his offence was compounded on the payment of 50/. and giving a bond for a further 10/. He was allowed to keep two apprentices, but ordered to discharge "all his strangers workmen & only employ freemen of our Company as Jorinmen."

It is this day [21st January] ordered by this Court that from henceforth noe Master or Wardens doe keepe any Courts of Asistance but that the whole Asistance bee warned and that noe matter or buisnes bee concluded vpon vnless there bee Thirteene at the least.

Upon notice giuen to this Court [same day] that 2 Companis had obtained leaue for seates in pauls and that our Comp^{ne} was to sitt vpon formes at the lower end of the said Compnis It was ordered by this Court that there should bee a pew made for the Comp^{ne} and the Warden to pay the Charge of it.

Ordered by this Court [18th March] that if any Marchant or Pewterer shall desire the Master and Wardens and others whome the Mr & Wardens shall apoynt, to try or asay any vntrue or deceauable tynn w^{ch} shall bee by them Exposed to sale or Come to there hande And if vpon triall the Master Wardens and others whome they shall apoynt, shall aiudge or sett any tare vpon the said tynn the partie or partis in whose hande the said Tynn shall bee, shall suffer the officer to stampe the said tare vpon the respectiue blocks or slabbs and the said tare to

bee allowed by the seller of the said Tynn and to bee deducted from the price Currant hee bought y^e Mauchantable tynn at and if any shall refuse to suffer the said tare to bee stamped vpon the said Tynn or shall stricke out the said stampe then the partie soe doing is not to haue the benifitt of a Sertificate.

~~This~~ day [17th June] M^r James Tawdin presented a paper to this Court wherein hee Expressed that y^e Pewterers of Burdeax Indeauored the Prohibition of wrought Pewter made in England from being brought ouer into Burdeax wherevpon the Court left the Care and management of the said Buisnes to Cap^t Wilt Archer M^r Edward Heath M^r Ralph Marsh Rent^r warden and the Clarke as also to Call M^r James Taudin for his advice and asistance consarning it.

It was ordered (12th August) that no one who had served the office of Master should henceforth pay quarterage.

Mr. Nicholas Kelk being elected (14th September) and asked to serve as Renter Warden, replied "They Could not xpect hee should pforme the said office by reson of his publique employm^t," but promised to pay a fine instead.

An Order [23rd September] to bee prepared against the next Court for any women that vse any vnciuill language or wilfully take place of there Seniors at the table there husbands to pay 10s.

1658-9. On 1st February a Committee was held to melt down "the Metle in the house formerly Seized and Condemned in the Cheq^r." Various goods amounting in weight to 9 cwt. 16 lbs., taken from seventeen makers, were melted both "fine" and "lay." To this was added 1 cwt. 2 qrs. 13 lbs. "peak to make it Ley." The whole was then sold to the Master and two Wardens (as their special privilege) at 8½d. per lb.

On 14th June there was "a Meeting of a Comitty of the Citty works and a Comitty of the Comp^{ie} of Pewterers for reconsiling a diference betweene the Comp^{ie} of Pewterers and M^r Joh: George Consarning the wall betwixt the Citty ground in the Greene yeard and the granery belonging to the Comp^{ie} of Pewterers."

Recd att y^e Chamberlaines Office in parte of moneys lent in (42) for y^e affaires in Ireland upon security of y^e Lords. . . . 8l. 15s.

1659-60. On 19th January, Simon Fisher, whose blood porringers were defaced "being found at 4 grs.," was cautioned and dismissed.

At the same Court it was decided to build a new parlour and a house for the Clerk, the old parlour not being large enough to hold a full Court, and the debates being liable to be overheard. "And likewise Considering the largeness of the Liurey that vpon festiuall days there is not roome for all of them to sitt in the Hall wthout great dang^r and hazard of spoyling of there aparrell." A design for the new apartment and tenement was accepted on 4th February at a cost of 145*l.* for the carpenter's work.

William Mabbott hauing brought vpp a Sonne in Law of his in the arte & Mistery of a Pewterer Contrary to the Orders of this Company his One ffather being ffree of the Laramores [Loriners] This Court [22nd March] Ordered his ffreedom of this Company.

On 4th May a precept from the Lord Mayor was read for raising 12,000*l.* by the Companies "after y^e rate 10000 q^tters of Corne," to be presented to the King. The Pewterers' Company's proportion was 84*l.*, which they "with cheerefullness & thankfullnesse" contributed as a free gift for his Majesty.

In compliance with a further precept [21st May] the Company took part in the welcome to Charles II on his passage through the City on the 29th May. They were desired "to finde & provide according to antient Customes 8 of y^e most gracefull tall & comely personages well horsed & in theire best Array in veluett plush o^r sattin each of them to haue a Page to attend them & y^e Company to attend in theire Railes." Twelve of their members were selected for attendance.

Leaue giuen by y^e M^r [21st June] for y^e young men to sitt at y^e table without theire Gownes, y^e weather being hott.

The King and his Parliament were entertained by the City at Guildhall on 5th July, the Companies lending 3,000*l.*, to be repaid by the City with interest at 6 per cent. The Pewterers' contribution [27th June] was 21*l.*, and this was duly repaid, with 19*s.* for 9 months' interest, on 4th April, 1661.

Henry Paufing paid opening [9th July] and struck his touch, iij s. iiij d. if Complaint bee made of his touch being ye Anchor & Rose, hee promiseth to alter it.

The Names [24th July] of those that haue taken y^e oath of Allegiance & Supremacy according to a precept from y^e Lord Mayor [dated] 5th of June, 1660 [36 names follow].

Ordered [13th December] that but halfe y^e Comp^a bee summoned to appeare at Pauls upon Thankesgiuing dayes the Liurey being soe greate that y^e Seats appointed for y^e Comp^a cannot Containe them.

Recd out of the Black Box being so much collected y^e last yere

002 l. 09 s. 06 d.

Recd for the ould Cornemill 08 s.

Recd of William Gosnell his fine for not attending as whifler at y^e Kings restoration 001 l.

The accounts give details of the expenses of attending the King's Reception and Entertainment. The items include the Livery at their "Railes" 6l. 3s. 5d., the horsemen and pages 4l. 1s. 2d., ribbon for the two occasions 6l. 6s., "two trumpetts" in coats of "Blew cloth laced," staves and "truncheons," two gammons of bacon with bread, butter and beer for breakfast, porters and a labourer to watch the "Railes & to helpe in & out."

paid [24th July] for musick at y^e M^{rs} ffeast 001 l. 07 s. 06 d.

paid for hire of pewter at y^e M^{rs} feast 001 l.

paid [26th September] for whippes topps & a Coult's Skinn 03 s. 06 d.

paid M^r Sutton for y^e painting glass in y^e new parlor 3 Coate of Armes & repairing y^e glass in y^e hall 07 l. 10 s.

paid M^r Lee for Seruing in y^e trained bands for y^e Company 3 days & nights & 10 night watches and for powder 001 l. 09 s. 06 d.

paid M^r Kempster for glasses y^e whole yeere 15 s.

paid M^r Young for 24 turkwork chayres kiuering [covering] 2 formes for y^e new parlor & mending y^e bann^{rs} 018 l.

paid Spent at a raising Supper wth y^e workmast^{rs} and there men 001 l. 05 s.

This supper was to wind up the extensive additions and repairs to the Hall, payments for which appear in this year's accounts. The money was thrown away, as the building was totally destroyed six years later in the Great Fire.

1660-1. King Charles II was crowned on St. George's Day, 23rd April, 1661, and on the day before made the usual royal progress from the Tower to Westminster. The Company agreed to contribute 42*l.* on 21st March to the City's charge upon this occasion, and 42*l.* on 4th April as an additional levy for pageants. Only one-half of the first grant appears to have been paid.

On 8th August Mr Aileffe was ordered to pay 4*s.* "for his worme not being touched."

A petition to the King agreed to on 26th September is entered on the minutes of 19th December. It states that the Company "as well as other Merchants" had formerly been privileged to buy tin at first hand from the Tinnors in Cornwall and Devon. They implore a continuance of this privilege and that it may not be engrossed in some few men's hands, "ffor wee to our woe know by long and sadd experience the greevius efects thereof, And that not only to our Selues but alsoe to the Merchants & tinnors in Gen^l." Certain persons they are informed are seeking to procure such Letters Patent on the plea of increasing the Royal revenue, which would on the contrary not be diminished but increased by this petition. They pray therefore that the Company and all other traders in tin "may haue the priviledge (as through Gods mercy and yo^r Royall ffauore wee now inioy) of Buying of Tynn at y^e first hand And that whatsoeuer shall bee proposed for the advance of yo^r Ma^{ties} Revenue may bee paid by the first buyer after the rate of so much p Cent^o as by yo^r Ma^{tie} and honorable Couns^l shall bee thought most expedient." The petition was referred by the King to the Lord Treasurer for his advice thereon.

The Company proceeded to submit certain "humble proposalls" to the Earl of Southampton, Lord High Treasurer. 1. They estimate the yearly output of tin from Devon and Cornwall to be "sixteene hundred

thousand waight," which if 16s. per cent. be laid upon the first buyer will bring to His Majesty's Revenue, if carefully collected, 12,800*l.* 2. They suggest a duty of 20s. per cent. in addition to the above 16s. and the usual Customs on tin exported in blocks and slabbs to France, Holland and other foreign parts. The exports amount to 500,000 weight, and the Royal revenue so obtained will be 2,500*l.* 3. They propose a further duty of 5 per cent. beyond that at present paid, upon all tin cast in bars for exportation into Turkey, Italy and other parts. This will afford an additional revenue of 1,250*l.* All bars so transported to be cast by London pewterers only as is accustomed. This will correct the great abuse in foreign parts so much complained of, and restore English pewter to its former credit and repute "w^{ch} hath bein much abased & abused by strang^rs & Ignorant p^{rs}ons whoe take y^e bouldness to sett y^e Royall stamp vpon itt to vent there deceyptfull Barrs." 4. They propose the Company should appoint, as formerly, at least one able and fit person to assay all tin made in Cornwall and Devon, and that no tin be sold, under penalty of forfeiture, which has not passed his approbation.

Spent [19th March, 1660] vpon y^e Liuary p^{sent} being a choyce for Burgeses for y^e Citty 19 s. 06 d.

Spent [29th May] being a day of thanksgiuing to bee commemorated for euer being his Ma^{ty} Birth day & y^e day of his restoracōn
04 l. 05 s. 06 d.

1661-2. The allowaunce for the Stewards for y^e Ld Maiors Day dinner being taken [13th February] into Consideracōn the Stewards hauing but three mess of meate vpon y^e Side tables in the hall whereas antiently there vseth to bee foure and a mess of meat not served in [they were ordered to] prouide for the whole Liuary & there wifes . . . eleuen mess of messe for y^e future.

Ordered and agreed vpon [7th August] by this Court that 12 new Banners bee bought to adorne y^e Barge at y^e recepcōn of the King & Queene by water from Hampton Court to White Hall and y^e management of the said recepcōn is by this Court left to y^e Care of y^e Mast & Wardens. [These banners cost 9*l.*]

The cost of the Company's share in the Royal reception was 25*l.* 1*s.* 11*d.*

On the 26th September it was decided that the work of building a new Barge should be "prosecuted perfited & concluded." Captain Nicholas Millett having promised 20*l.* towards this work, the nomination of a Barge Master was left in his hands.

Ordered by this Court [11th December] that all Laymen doe alter there tutches within fourteene dayes wth y^e date of 1663. [The year 1663 did not begin till fifteen weeks after the date of this order.]

Recd of M^r Robt Richardson and Philippa Phillips being soe much left to y^e poore of the Company By y^e will of James Phillips Esq^r 10*l.*

An early (perhaps the first) use of the title "Esquire" met with in these records.

Ⓢ for grauing y ^e Andirons giuen by M ^r Hen. Sweeting .	02 s. 06 d.
Ⓢ oyling y ^e Pewter y ^e yeare	19 s. 06 d.
Ⓢ for kiuers [covers] for y ^e Andirons in y ^e Parlor	04 s.

1662-3. ~~The~~ Comitty meeting this day [17th August] to Consider of the peticoⁿ of the Jornimen concerning the abuses of letting or serving y^e Maiors or Sheriffs as others wth ould pewt^r or vessell at y^e second hand to y^e great loss of there imployment [ordered a draft order to be prepared and presented to the next General Court].

Ordered by this Gen^{tl} Court [17th December] y^t all tutches bee made wth the date 63 & y^t they bee registered in a booke at y^e hall wthin a month.

This interesting book has unfortunately not been preserved.

~~The~~ names of them then Maste^rs Wardens Asistance and Liuary that Contributed towards the building of a Barge.

This list, entered in the Accounts, includes Capt. Millett's 20*l.* It contains eighty-seven sums, varying from 5*l.* to 2*s.* 6*d.*, and amounting in all to 113*l.* 11*s.* The cost of the Barge as detailed in the Accounts was 181*l.* 5*s.* 6*d.*

~~Monpes~~ laid out for the reception of the Russia Imbassodo^r 9 l. 8 s. 6 d.
 pd for 6 months tax for fire hearttes [hearths] 12 s.
 pd M^r Brumley at Cooks Hall for fees 3 s. 2 d.
 pd M^r Hewes Cooke for 5 Spitts 1 long peelee wth 1^c 1^{qr} 0^{li} at 6^d p ti
 is 3 l. 10 s.
 pd him for one paire of Racks 3 dripping panns & 1 treuett . 3 l. 15 s.
 pd the Do^c Castillion for the Ellection Sermon 1 l.

1663-4. The usual order was made (24th June) for a Committee to approach the Tin Farmers, and to petition the king for "Cloffe and Sweepe" allotment according to ancient custom. The term "sweepe" is not clear, and is first met with here.

Mr. Tobias Knowles, a newly-elected Assistant, gave (4th August) "to be sett vpp in y^e new parlour The Kings picture The mapp of y^e world and y^e mapp of England."

On the 11th August the Petition to the King was "read and deliuered." It is entered in full, with the orders made thereon, after the minutes of the Court on 22nd September. The petition is dated 13th July, and alludes to the Company's previous ineffective petition in 1661. "Since which tyme seuerall persons haue Authority from yo^r Sacred Ma^{tie} to buy all the Tinn made or gotten in Cornhill [*sic*] or Deuon by virtue of yo^r Ma^{ties} vndoubted right of p^emition at 4^l 10^s p C hauing 120^l to euery C waight and did sell it here to vs at 5^l 12^s & 5^l 10^s p C 112^l to y^e C waight in w^{ch} they haue gotten to themselues about 20^l p C," and have exported tin in blocks and sold it abroad "as Cheape if not Cheaper then to yo^r peticon^r." The Company had from previous monarchs a constant supply of tin "At 20^s p C or more less then what it was sould for transportacon. And alsoe from yo^r Ma^{ty} Excheq^r 200^l p Ann^o to y^e poore workmen of the said Company in Consideracon of tynn being sent out of y^e Realme vnwrought." They further pray that an Assay Master may be appointed, and all tin brought to the port of London "as in former times hath bein." Also that the Company's former privileges may be restored, notwithstanding the recent grant to the Tin Farmers without reservation of such rights.

This petition being referred to a Committee of the Privy Council, an agreement was finally reached that the Farmers should allow the Company 100,000 weight of tin twice a year at 18 per cent. below the general highest price. The agreement, dated 10th September, was signed by the following Tin Farmers, Richard Ford, Fra: Meynell, Will. Rider, John Buchworth, Ric^d Wescombe, Rob^t Viner.

A letter was received on 16th November from Sir John Lawrence, Lord Mayor (entered in full on the Minutes), asking for 800*l.* as the Company's proportion of a loan of 100,000*l.* voted by the City to the King.

1664-5. The Court "declared" (12th January) that 50,000 weight of tin was ready for delivery by the Farmers, but ready money must first be paid at 5*l.* 10*s.* per cent.

The salary of Mr. Pike, barge master, was fixed on 16th March at 3*l.* yearly.

Various artificers to the Company were appointed on 15th June, viz., a bricklayer, a painter, a plaisterer, and a plumber.

This was the year of the Great Plague. At a Court on 5th September, Mr. Millett, who had been elected Upper Warden "made severall Allegacōns of his vnfitness to hold y^e said place as his house Beeing visited and of his one [own] psent indisposition." His request to fine was complied with. Two stewards were appointed (12th October) for the mayor's day feast, although it appeared unlikely that their services would be required. The Master, Mr. Seeling, who was present at this Court, died four days later of the plague; his successor, Mr. Ralph Marsh, elected on the 19th October, died and was buried on the night of the 20th.

paid for a Case for the Armes of the barge 5*s.*
paid spent [towards] the Building of a Shipp for his Ma^{tie} 6*l.* 9*s.* 9*d.*

This was the famous ship "London;" a precept was sent by the Lord Mayor to each of the Companies for contributions towards its construction. A further sum of 70*l.* was paid in the following year.

1665-6. A Committee was appointed (19th June) for regulating the prices and sizes of wares, and the same Committee was ordered "to prepare & Consider w^t to psent y^e Court ffor Confirmacōn ffor y^e good of a decaying Trade." ✓

It Being Mooved at this Generall Court [same day] how lowe Sadware was sold at and y^t men give away their pffitt it was mooved [and carried] y^t y^e Companie would be unanimous in Selling there Ware at 15^d p ti. ✓

The price was soon afterwards (21st March, 1666-7) altered to 13^d. per lb.

A Meeting at the Miter Taverne w^{thin} Algate y^e 18^o Septemb^r 1666 being y^e ffirst meeting after y^e ffire :

It is agreed that y^e mas^{rs} and Wardens now in being should pvide a Couple of Sea Chests to Secure y^e Books deeds Records or whatsoever writings belong to y^e Comp^y w^{ch} through y^e rage of y^e Late terrible ffire are now in y^e Costodie of m^r W^m Rawlins Loose as he Conveyed them from y^e hall.

And Since it hath pleased God to destroy y^e said Hall by ffire soe that at this tyme y^e Company are destitute of a place to meet in as well as y^e Beadle of a habitacōn, it was agreed that wth w^t speed might be a place might be prepared for their said meetings w^{ch} might alsoe be Convenient for to Lay y^e writings & books of y^e Company and Likewise for y^e Beadles Being.

The M^r Mooved y^e Court [13th December] for a Contribution to y^e Poore this Quarter but in Consideracōn of y^e late Calamities by fire in w^{ch} y^e Comp^y hath been verrie great sufferers and y^e generalitie of y^e poorer sort of people hath been in some measure gainers it was Concluded nothing should be given.

M^r Gabriell Redhead Complained [same Court] against his man that was fformerly bound to m^r Dod his pdecessor; y^e app^{ntice} referd himself to y^e Court, who Considering y^e tyme he had yett unexpired by w^{ch} he is m^r Redheads Chattle, ordered he should live wth m^r Redhead and serve y^e remaining part of his tyme as an ap^{ntice} ought to doe; w^{ch} he refused

and told y^e Court plainly he would not for w^{ch} his obstinacy and Contempt they Ordered noe man should sett him at work as they will answer it at their utmost perrill.

paid spent the same day [15th June] in the After noone vpon a discovery of M^r Readheads Lay being found bad and for Coach Hier 13 s. 6 d.

This is the first instance I have found of the use of coaches by the Company.

paid for a dozen of Knives for the Hall 6 s.

paid for regaineing the Kings Armes and the donner of the Hall his Effigies being lost in time of fire 6 s.

1666-7. At this Court [21st March] w^m Austin affirmed m^{rs} Johnson usually mixt in her mettle for Spoons glasiers knotts.

Robert Wheely was fined 5s. [20th June] for the bad quality of his turning spoons.

On 26th September Mr. Michael Newman the newly-elected Upper Warden deputed with the Court's consent Mr. William Rawlins to officiate for him when absent "in respect of y^e distance of his abode from y^e Cittie."

James Taylo^r driveing a trade of himself & useing of his mothers mark or Touch refered himselfe [10th October] to this Court [and was leniently dealt with].

At the same Court it was ordered that there should be a new admission of liverymen at a fine of 20*l.* each, to provide money for the necessities of the Company.

At a Committee meeting held on 30th October they "impowred y^e M^r, y^e if a penniworth of Tymber or any other matteriall of Building, come to his hands or can hear on, for to agree Contract for, & buy y^e Same."

Mr. John Molton, a member of the Company but not following the trade, was summoned (3rd December) to come on the Livery. He pleaded that he was a weaver by trade, and that by an Act of Common Council he might be compelled to join the Weavers' Company. His excuse was not accepted, but the Pewterers undertook to save him harmless from all consequences.

With a view to remedy the bad quality of metal used in making spoons it was decided (19th December) "to convert all spoons into Lay as they Come to any mans hands or Custody between this & Christmas, and from thence every Shopkeeper or other to deliver unto y^e Spoon maker plate mettle or as good." It was also ordered that "everie Spoon maker shall alter his touch immediatly after christmas next from w^{ch} tyme all Spoons shall be made exactly to y^e Say."

The Accounts for this year are those of "the first yeare after a dreadfull fire which Happened in London wherein the Hall & all the Houses (Gregories Alley onely excepted) belonging To the Company were Burnt and destroyed."

1667-8. At a Court on 25th February the Master produced a design for building two tenements, with a Hall at the back, on the Company's ground in Lime Street. The plan was approved and the Master urged to proceed with all haste, the money received from the forty new admissions to the Livery (800*l.*) being devoted to the work.

The Court having been much depleted by the late plague, and many of its members being old and infirm, it was decided (18th June) to admit eight or ten new Assistants from the Livery.

Wiff. Jones Complained [same Court] agnst Towden for makeing distinction between fyne & double refyne & y^t his Costomers as well as others may know his fyne by his single touch & his double refyne by his double touch. m^r Towden answered y^t the reason why he made such distinction was for y^t he gave servan^{ts} double wages for that w^{ch} he called double refyned, the Court acquainted y^t y^e statute mayd noe other distinction of Pewter than fyne & Lay and charged him to desist in his foresaid Practice.

Two persons summoned to join the Livery were at their request (9th July) excused "upon their subscription in the blk book."

Certain irregularities in the workmanship of Sadware, especially of trencher plates, having been discovered during Search, the Court ordered (13th August) that "all trencher plates (except Spanish) should be beat

all over as well Pitch or Bouge as elsewhere," and that they should not "be suffered to be turned in y^e booge or pitch."

Agreed on by this Court [20th August] y^t whosoever shall receive his freedom of this Company p^r patrimony shall [give] to everie one of y^e Assistants a pair of gloves.

The Mast^r p^rduced & shewed [11th September] a modle or draught of a stone door case for y^e hall, y^e Committee Esteemed it too Costly & therefore ordered it to be something plainer.

The Committee for Trade after considering (21st September) various proposals "for y^e bringing of Trifles to y^e Say" recommended greater strictness in Search, and "y^t noe allowances be given to workmen from the shopkeepers."

Ordered [24th September] that m^{rs} Bird y^e relict of Jn^o Bird deceased [late Beadle] doe Cease from Sutling at Pewterers Hall soe soone as she hath drawn out w^t drink she hath now in the Celler.

The same day the new Master reported that the two tenements in Lime Street were covered and the foundations of the Hall laid.

At a Court held on 15th October the fine for not serving as Steward for the feast on Lord Mayor's Day was reduced from 20*l.* to 15*l.*, as "since y^e late dreadfull fire y^e Charges of y^e Stewards hath been much declyned by noe women coming to the ffeast."

The Committee appointed to regulate the metal of Trifles recommended (22nd October) that "the Shopkeeper should deliver unto y^e Workman $\frac{1}{2}$ Plate mettle or Tynn and the Other halfe good London trifles." This report was adopted by the Court on 17th December.

It is alsoe further agreed on that if it should soe happen that y^e Shopkeep^r have not a Sufficient quantity of Plate mettle or tynn by him as may Supply y^e workman wth a moyety as aforesaid that then & in such case y^e Shopkeep^r to allow after y^e rate of 2^s 6^d p^r cent^y to y^e workman for a greater or lesse^r quantity as he may want, and alsoe that y^e workman may allow unto y^e shopkeep^r after y^e same rate, for what he shall receive more then a moyety either of Plate mettle or tynn.

On 6th November a subscription was opened among the members of the Company of loans and gifts towards the cost of rebuilding the

Hall. Fortunately, just at this time the loan of 800*l.* furnished to the King in November, 1664, was repaid by the City Chamberlain with interest amounting to 191*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*

Mr. James Taudin, whose former differences with the Company were not yet healed, was on 3rd December fined 5*s.* for "Turning of his back & walking out of y^e last Co^t whilest buisness were in debate, without leave;" and this notwithstanding a letter addressed by the King to the Company on his behalf, the letter appearing at length upon the minutes. Taudin gave at the same Court five guineas towards the new Hall (besides a previous gift of 22*l.*), and this may have paved the way for a reconciliation.

paid for a plate to strike the Touches on 8 *s.*

paid Mr Wildgoss for 3 draughts for the Hall & Tenements adjacent
21. 10*s.*

paid Mr Tayler for a later draught 10*s.*

These were the architects and surveyors employed by the Company.

The accounts show a total payment of 1,558*l.* 19*s.* 11*d.* for building, which includes the Hall and also houses in Fenchurch Street and elsewhere. The items are for cartage of rubbish, excavating, and bricklayers', masons', tylers', etc., labour, and materials employed in those trades. The bricklayers and labourers worked under the oversight of the Company's beadle, who paid them their weekly wages, amounting for the year to 370*l.* 10*s.* 3*d.*

1668-9. *The Cooper* his poreng^{rs} and Sacers at 4 grs & 3 grs [11th March] he Pleaded an accident w^{ch} y^e Co^t were apt to believe by reason some of the board testifies that they knew he himself Break at least 20 dozen after they were wrought.

The Mast acquainted the Co^t [same day] that he wth the Wardens had Consented to the observacōn of Some Orders of the Coppersmiths w^{ch} were pposed to a Com^{tie} of Ald'men the w^{ch} Orders were by them perused & Examined & upon their report were confirmed by a Co^t of Aldermen a Coppy of w^{ch} were by Some of the Mistery of Coppersmiths brought to this Co^t who hearing them Read gave their appropacōn

thereof and Ordered that they be Hanged up in the Hall soe soone as it is built and to be Observed by all & every member w^{ch} is or may be a Coppersmith.

At the same Court an agreement was made with Mr. Braithwaite for the bricklayer's work at the Hall, at 2*l.* 5*s.* per rod.

The Wife of Thomas Waltham a strong-water-man in s^t Katherine's and a member of this Company [tendered 12*l.* on 6th April as a fine to excuse her husband from all offices. The Court returned her 2*l.*, which she again returned as a free gift towards rebuilding the Hall].

At the same Court the Master reported that the walls of the new Hall were almost ready for roofing. He submitted three designs for the roof "and they unanimously agreed for y^e Roof Hipped & slated on both sides & one end half way & thereupon a flatforme of Lead wth Railes and Ballasters on the sides & a Territ to be erected in y^e middle of the same." The slating for the roof was contracted for "after the rate of 40*s* p square."

The Gent^r Recd [26th April] of m^r Abram Cross one of the Executors of m^r William Cross Deceased y^e sum of Five Pound being in Leiu of a Supp^r w^{ch} hath been auintiently accostomed for y^e Company when they attend y^e Corps of a Brother to y^e Ground 5 *li*.

Recd [7th June] of Alderman Backwell for Interest of 800^l recd from the Citty 11 *li*. 16 *s*.

The tenements in Lime Street were now rebuilt, and that on the "north side of the passage or gate way into the Hall" was let on 7th June "for 150 *li* fyne and sixty pounds p ann^y for one & twenty years." The house on the south side was let on 23rd June for the same term at 40*l.* yearly with a fine of 200*l.*

M^r Tymoth^y Wood gave [23rd June] to y^e Poor of y^e Company one genny [guinea] Peic of gold 1 *l.* 0 *s.* 6 *d.*

Upon the request of Certaine Coppersmiths [5th July] to appoynt one of there Mistery to Looke after y^e Executions of there Orders, the Com^{te} appoynted m^r Lackford.

The Committee received a tender on 29th July to glaze the Hall with good French glass at 18*d.* per foot.

This day [28th August] the Com^{te} mett at the Hall to veiw the Building there who expressed themselves verry well satisfied wth the two Frett seelings above staires & Ordered the seeling of the Hall to be devided into Paines by two ffalse Girders to be runn from end to end: and alsoe ordered the Ovens in the Kitchin be ffinished wth all the speed that may be.

Francis Lea was fined 10*s.* on 15th September for "his Toy Pestell & mortar & other toyes at 5 gr."

The new Master and Wardens were sworn on 23rd September "Being the First Co^t held at Pewterers Hall since the rebuilding thereof."

This Com^{te} Ordered [8th November] a galary to be Erected on the backsid the Hall wall even wth the Co^t Roomes for a convenient passage for the Compā frō y^e back staires to y^e Co^t Roome.

Widdow French requested this Co^t [25th November] to have an app^{nti} above number for her money but she was acquainted by the Co^t it could not be suffered by reason soe many members for these last two yeares haveing been brought on the Livery before they could have that pvilidge & to whom p^mises hath been made that none shall be suffered to purchase.

Charles Richardson got into trouble on 25th November about his "Ephraim pintes" which were 2 gr. below standard, and on 7th December one Tayler also for his strong water bottles, bed pan handles, and sucking bottles.

Francis Caffee p^senting a boy to this Co^t [16th December] desireing to have him bound unto him, he being by trade a Coppersmith & a member of this Company, severall of the Coppersmiths opposed it urging he was not in a cappacity to take app^{nti} he being noe Caster, & therefore in their opinion was but a journeyman but the Co^t ffindeing he was & hath been a houskeeper for some years past bearing & paying all parrish duties accordingly & that he taketh wages of noe man nor workes to any Coppersmith & therefore judged there argum^{ts} ffrivolous

& Caffee in a sufficient Capacity to take an ap^rnti^c, yett inasmuch as the Coppersmiths requested 8 days tyme to shew other cause why he should not take one. The Co^t Ordered that the tyme be graunted them.

This Co^t [same day] takeing into their Consideracōn the heavy Burden the workmen of Hollow-ware men lye under by the Continuall searches & (unavoidable) seizsures made by the Master & Wardens By reason of an Ord^r of Co^t made the 17th December 1668 [See p. 136] Wch Order is by this Co^t judged verry prejudiciall to many poore workmen & the greatest Cause of their p^rsent greivance, for that they are informed that divers shopkeepers will not or pretend they cannott deliver ½ plate but put the workman of [off] wth the alowance aforesaid w^{ch} disables the workmen from makeing soe good as by the said order he is injoined.

It is therefore agreed . . . that from Henceforth all & every pson that taketh Hollow-ware of any workman & returneth not him for the same ½ plate mettle & ½ London Trifles, shall pay unto such workman for want of plate mettle after the rate of 3^s 6^d p Cent and deliver him good London Trifles.

And it is further Ordered for the better accommadating the shopkeeper to furnish the workman as aforesaid That the Order made y^e 19th dec: 1667 (vizt.) That the spoonemaker should receive from the shopkeeper (for all spoones they delivered them after christmas then next following) all plate mettle shall be made null & void, and that they receive such mettle as the Hollow-ware men & of noe other sort.

Upon a mocōn made to this Co^t [same day] by Major Archer That since it hath pleased god to restore the Comp^a to their ancient Habitacōn w^{ch} not long since lay in Ashes, To express their thankfullness for the same by a Contribution to the poore, whereupon there was . . . given in all 3^l. to the poore.

The payments for building reach their height in this year's accounts, amounting to no less than 2,520^l. 4^s.

1669-70. On the 21st January a parlour was ordered to be built "on the backside of the upper end of the Hall," and "two paire of hatches made folding wth half elipses, for the Passage out of the screen into the great Hall." [See illustration opposite.]



THE MASTER'S PARLOUR.

The cost of the new Hall and other buildings obliged the Company to take up heavy loans, the interest on which, amounting to over 100*l.* a year, was found to be too great a drain upon the Company's resources. A proposal was adopted on 15th March for saving 80*l.* a year by reducing the cost of dinners set out as follows:—6 Assistant dinners at 5*l.* each reduced to 3*l.*, three Quarter dinners at 12*l.* each reduced to 6*l.*, the Master and Wardens' feast 18*l.* instead of 36*l.*, 20*l.* for the Stewards' feast on Lord Mayor's Day instead of 40*l.*, and the allowances to those dining with the Lord Mayor reduced to 6*s.* 8*d.* each, a saving of about 8*l.*

As a result of an appeal to the Company generally nearly 1,000*l.* was promised on loan or about 100*l.* as a gift.

A meeting [28th April] to Consider of Crooked-Lane mens peticōn to the Co't of Aldermen, Concerning their incorporacōn, wth an abridgment of their intended Charter.

Upon hearing the sd Abridgment & Peticōn As alsoe an Order of a Com^{te} of Aldermen (appoynted for that Buisness) sent unto Our Comp^a requiring their reasons against the sd incorporacōn tomorrow: And upon a full debate thereupon had, It is resolved by this meeting That this Answer ffollowing be p'sented to y^e said Com^{te} in writeing:—

The Company's answer unfortunately does not appear, although a large space is left for it just below the above entry. From the Accounts it appears that the hearing before the Court of Aldermen took place on the 10th July, and that the Girdlers' Company shared with the Pewterers the expense of the Counsel's pleading fee.

Major Archer, the Father of the Company, was fined 10*l.* on 16th June for keeping shop at Bow Fair contrary to an order of 17th August, 1654, the year in which he was Master. The fine was afterwards reduced.

Warden Dyer gave this Com^{tee} [8th July] an acco^t of m^r Courtneys advise concerning the debased Tynn, w^{ch} was, that (in Order to y^e Condemnacōn thereof in the stannarie) to send the Tynn into Cornwell to be an evidence against itself upon tryall there [Mr. Bateman promising it should be delivered back to the Company unaltered].

✓ The same day it was ordered that some "rough vessell" melted down into Lay should be sold at the Hall by an inch of candle, the lowest price to be 2*l.* 16*s.* per cent., and the buyer to have one bottle of French wine for each allotment of 2 cwt.

✓ On the 4th August Mr. Adams was permitted to use three blocks of tin which were 1 grain worse, for any purpose "Sadware onely accepted."

The Court (same day) refused an offer of 30*l.* per annum to allow preaching in the Hall.

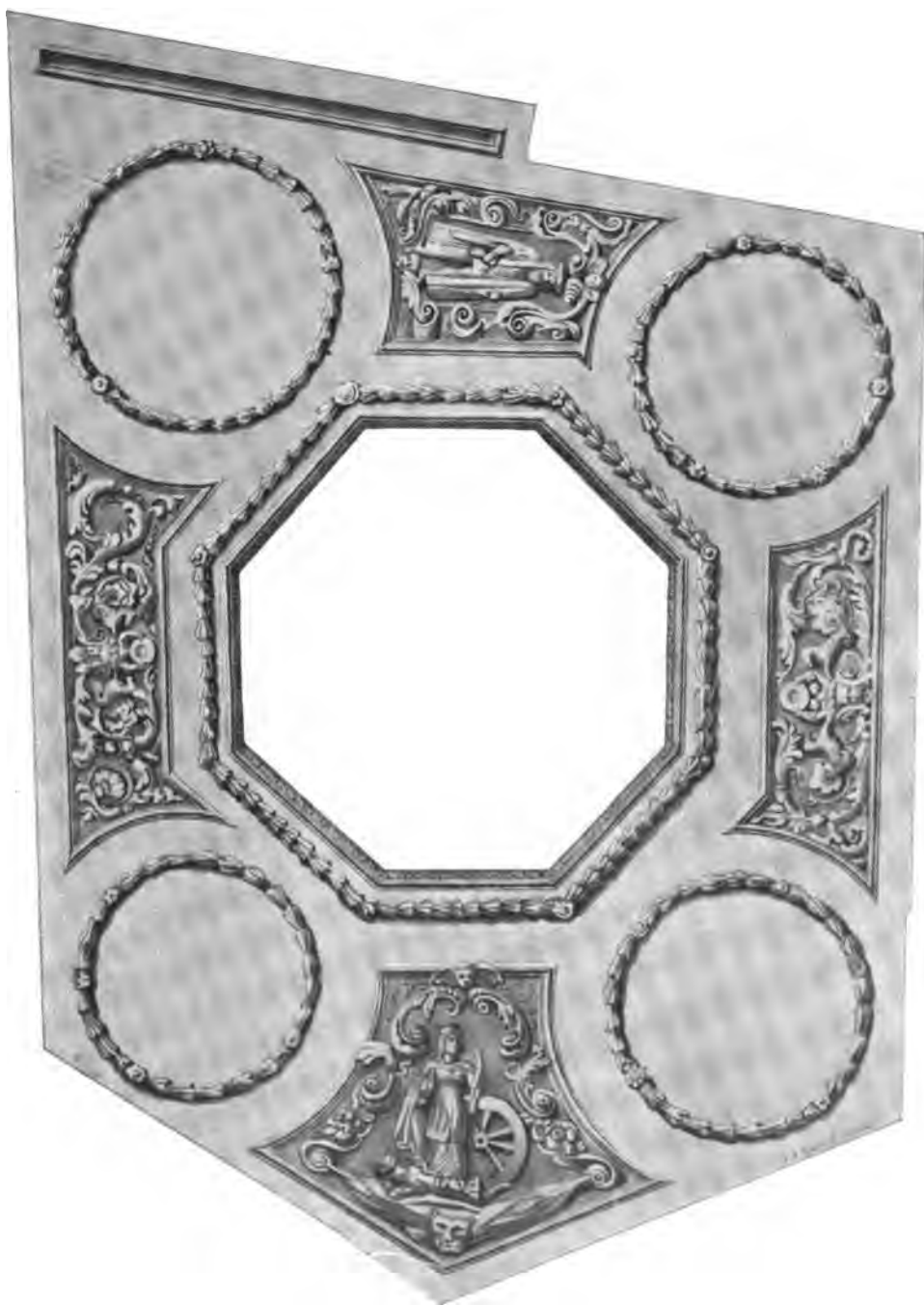
Mr. James Taudin being noe natural borne subject & soe not capable of bearing any office in the face of the Citty it was agreed by voate [11th August] that he should pay his fyne of 15*l.* for renter warden.

The Libery was acquainted [at a Quarter Court the same day] that inasmuch it hath pleased Almighty God to restore the Company to their auntient Habitacōn They should according to auntient Costome appeare at y^e Hall this day seavenight in the forenoon being the day appoynted ffor the Masters ffeast decently apparelld in their Livery Gounds, ffrom whence they are to goe to hear a Sermon: And to retorn thanks to God for his abundant mercies in restoreing the Company to almost all their estate w^{ch} they had before the late dreadfull ffire.

It was also ordered (same day) that the payment of quarterage to the beadle by the journeymen which had of late been "not observed" should be strictly enforced, and that they should each pay 6*d.* quarterly "for that the journymen was never (as is generally conceaved) in a better Capacity to pay it than now they are, they haveing such great rates for their work."

A further reduction in the cost of feasting was made on 16th August by an order excluding "the multitude of Boyes w^{ch} used to attend their Masters at ffestivalls... the Assistants onely excepted." It was also agreed that "those that had served as Waiters at the Masters feast [should] not afterwards serve as Whifflers."

On the 6th October an inventory was ordered to be taken of the Company's goods and to be compared with that last taken before the Fire.



CEILING OF THE MASTER'S PARLOUR.

The Court ordered (13th December) that the metal which was taken from Giles Diston at the Lottery should be returned to him.

Païd for a Frame for the Doners [Smalwood] Effigies . . . 1 l. 15 s.
Païd Two men in y^e Train'd Bands to attend a generall muster . . . 6 s.
Païd 2 men more out in y^e Train'd Bands all Night on y^e Guard . . . 8 s.
Païd for halfe a hundred of Plate Mettle . . . 2 l. 2 s.
Païd for 3^c 3^{qrs} 21th of Peak at 14^s p Cent . . . 2 l. 15 s. 2 d.

The payments for building this year still reach the high figure of 1,245*l.* 18*s.* 6*d.*

1670-1. In a call to the Livery on 2nd January, it was ordered "that those w^{ch} are potters [pot-makers] should be the last Called."

Ordered [10th February] m^r William Ludford, Plaisterer, to Lay the Seiling [of the Parlour] according to the Modle p^oposed, wth all convenient speed that may be, and the price thereof to be afterwards Considered off. [See illustration opposite. The wainscoting of this room cost 8*s.* per yard.]

At this Co^t [22nd June] divers members Complained of the neglect of search in the Country And offered a Contribucōn towards the raising of a stock for to maintaine & defray the charge thereof. [This course was agreed upon.]

On 3rd August the fine for not serving Master was raised from 12*l.* to 20*l.*

Spent upon a Search of Mettle att the Lottery in Southwarke and after attending apon Sherriffe fforth upon the Complaine of the Brewers . . . 11 s. 2 d.

Païd ffor a booke of large Dutch Paper ffor Engrossing the Wardens Accompte . . . 2 l. 6 s.

Païd the Clerke and Sexton of S^t Andrewes Vndershaft att the Sermon for the Eleccōn . . . 4 s.

Mr. Pike the Barge Master received for himself and sixteen oars for services on Lord Mayor's Day 3*l.* 16*s.* and one of the watermen whose blue coat was lost was paid 5*s.* for a new one.

The expenditure on building this year is only 500*l.* 17*s.* 9*d.*

1671-2. Upon the Rent^{rs} report to this Com^{te} [19th February] of the demand he had made of 2 \bar{m}^o rent due from Ald'man Nelms at y^e tyme of the generall fire in London, and of the Ald'mans scurrilous and abusive answer upon the same. It is Ordered that y^e Clerk take Speedy Co'se in Law agnst y^r sd Nelmes for y^e recovery of the sd rent.

The Hall was let on 30th April to Mr. Brooke and his congregation on Sundays and Wednesdays for 30*l.* per annum. Mr. Brooke "p'sented the members of y^e Com^{te} wth each a booke w^{ch} he made upon y^e late Gen^{ll} ffirey dispensacōn intituled Londons Lamentacōn."

Mr. Alder "the upholster" supplied "16 new Turkey-Work Chaires" (the same day) at 13*s.* each.

Thomas Batte who was summoned on 20th June for not paying quarterage pleaded that he was "a poore porter & not workeing on the trade," but his excuse was not accepted.

The Court (same day) considered many abuses in the trade, and especially the practice of privately carrying pewter goods to "taverns Alehouses & other Costomers" to escape search by the Master and Wardens. It was decided to keep a stricter watch over such practices.

The Ma^r acquainted the Co^{rt} [same day] of the approaching charge in Wanscotting the Hall, and desired the generality y^t their might be a contribucōn. And pposed y^t their had been pticular order given to y^e Joyner to make a table [*i.e.* a shield or escutcheon] over every Pannell, and anyone y^t would pay y^e sum of 50^s might sett his m^{ke} or Coate of Armes in one of the sd Tables over one pannell.

Nathaniel Adams, being summoned before the Lord Mayor on 5th August to take up his livery, pleaded that he had joined a new Company called Glass sellers. He was allowed to leave on paying a composition fine of 20*l.* for all offices.

It is agreed and soe Ordered [15th August] that from henceforth noe pson or psons whatsoever shall p'sume to strike the rose & crowne wth any additionall flourish or y^e Lērrs of his owne or anothers name, whereby y^e mark w^{ch} is onely to be used for goods exported, may in tyme become as other touches and not distinguished.

August y^e 22th 1672. Whereas by an Order of Co^r for y^e abateing extrao'dinary Feasting The Master & Wardens ought to deposit each 12^{li} & spend y^e one half thereof upon the Masters & Wardens ffeast this day held, and the Other moyety to be and remaine to y^e Comp^a use. Now this day the sd Feast was kept but by reason of the women being invited y^e Charge of y^e Feast was soe extream that nothing could be cleered to y^e house according to y^e sd Order. There being Spent near 90^{li}.

Paid M^r Jeoffryes the Co^mon Sergeant his ffee ag^t Woodnoth before the Court of Ald^rmen 10s.

This was the notorious Judge Jefferies.

The Company's house in Fenchurch Street, known before the Great Fire as the Helmet, was now called the Three Conies.

Payments for building amounted this year to 192^l. 15s., but the Company's indebtedness upon loan continued very heavy.

1672-3. **Richard Hoare**, being convened & makeing standishes 3½ gr. worse than ffyne, aleadged y^t in that p^t of y^e standish w^{ch} was tryed was much Pale [6th February].

John Baggs the Beadle was, on a vote being taken (same day) permitted to take an apprentice.

On 29th April a payment was received of "10 half guinies w^{ch} is worth sterling 5^l. 7s. 6d."

Remarkable strictness was used to prevent the employment of any workmen in the trade but those duly admitted as journeymen or apprentices. One Richard Heath was summoned on 19th June for setting his "Turn Wheel to work on y^e mistery" by employing him to pour Sadware and open a mould. A "turn-wheel" was an unskilled labourer, usually a lad. Only apprentices and journeymen were allowed to work at the trade.

From an entry under date of 10th November, it appears that new Freemen on their admission were accustomed to take the Freeman's oath kneeling.

William Ayliff and John Skinn, who were summoned on 4th December for making syringes of Lay "aleadged that good work could not be made of them of ffyne & urged some reasons to convince the Co't thereof."

At the same Court William Cropp was admonished for casting Trifling metal in a Sadware mould. He pleaded in excuse that the trencher plates so cast were rough and only intended for handwork.

James Taudin being so'moned to this Co't [18th December] p useing 2taine thin bitts of mettle (w^{ch} he calleth Pannelling) as soder p blowes of Sadware w^{ch} was at 8 gr worse than ffyne and the dishes w^{ch} was Sodered therewth at 1 gr & ½ gr, Aleadged that he was ignorant of any defect in his mettle by reason of the sd pannelling he onely rubbing the superficial p^t of the dish (being heat wth charcole) wth the same, supposing it might be turned of againe wth the hooke.

Taudin was fined 20s. and ordered for the future to "use noe worse or other sort of mettle to soder sadware withall than the sadware itself."

The Company attended the Lord Mayor's procession, their "Rayles" being set up in Cheapside.

The payments for building this year amounted to 249*l.* 7*s.*

1673-4. **Mr Jonathan Ingles** his nossles of Candlesticks at 2½ gr. reffered himself to the board, [24th February] and considering they ought to be made as good as plate mettle, together wth y^e greatness of mr Ingles Trade wth his abillitie of refyneing his mettle, he was therefore ffyned at 20s.

Major Kelk the same day was granted leave to take his son James as his partner.

Mr. William Bennett by trade a Potter was summoned on 12th March to take up his Livery. He desired to compound for all offices "by reason the Potters are a Corporacōn of themselves."

The Court (19th March) considered a complaint "against divers psons of the misterie for laying aside their ould touches w^{ch} the Comp^a

had Cognizance of and instead thereof use other new ones wthout leave from the Comp^a." It was ordered that all new touches be struck on the plate at the Hall before the next Court.

At a Court on 14th April a new table [cf. pp. 61-4] was fixed for the "assizes" of various descriptions of wares, the weights being as follows:—

Dishes, 15 sizes from 20 lb. to $\frac{1}{2}$ lb., weights as implied in their description, i.e., a 20 lb. dish to weigh 20 lb., and so on.

Plates, $1\frac{1}{4}$ lb., each dozen 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ lb.; 1 lb., each dozen 13 lb.; $\frac{3}{4}$ lb., each dozen 10 lb.

Guinie Basons, 6 sizes from 4 lb. to 1 lb. weights as described.

Bedd Panns, great 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ lb., middle 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ lb., small 3 lb.

Lavers, great 5 lb., middle 4 lb., small 3 lb.

Flaggons, great pottle 8 lb., small pottle 6 lb., three pint 4 lb., quart 3 lb.

Efram and other Potts, three quart 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ lb., two quart 3 lb. 2 oz., three pint 2 lb. 2 oz., quart 1 lb. 10 oz., pint 1 lb. 2 oz., half pint $\frac{3}{4}$ lb.

Winchester quart, each shall weigh 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ lb.

Guiny potts or Tunn pintes, each dozen 12 lb.

Long and short Cann, each $\frac{3}{4}$ lb.

New Fashioned Tankards, great quart 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ lb., small quart 2 lb., four inches 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ lb., pint 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ lb., ordinary 4 inches 1 lb. 6 oz.

Stoole Panns, 5 lb., 4 lb., 3 lb., 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ lb., of same weight.

French and Square Candlesticks; great, middle, small, smallest, 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ lb., 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ lb., 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ lb., 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. each pair.

Flat Candlesticks, great, middle, pound, smallest, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ lb., 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ lb., 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ lb., 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ lb. each pair.

Bell Candlesticks, 1 lb., $\frac{3}{4}$ lb. to weigh 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ lb., 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. each pair.

Porrengers.

Great pints, each dozen 9 lb.; small pints each dozen 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ lb.

Bosse, six sizes varying in weight each dozen from 7 lb. to 2 lb.

Ordinary blood porrengers, each dozen 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ lb.

Guinney, each dozen 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ lb.

Great corded, middle, small, each dozen respectively 9 lb., 8 lb., 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ lb.

Saunders.

Slight, great per gross 22 lb., small per gross 14 lb.

New fashioned swaged; great, middle, small, each dozen respectively 7 lb., 5 lb., 4 lb.

Lap.

Wine measures; gallon 10 lb., pottle 6 lb., quart 3 lb., pint 2 lb., half pint 1 lb., quarter pint 8 lb. each dozen, half quarter pint 4 lb. each dozen.

Chamber potts; great flat 3 lb., middle flat $2\frac{1}{4}$ lb., great ordinary 3 lb., middle ordinary 2 lb., great round of lay $2\frac{3}{4}$ lb., and of fine $2\frac{1}{2}$ lb., small round of lay 2 lb. and of fine $1\frac{3}{4}$ lb.

Stiff Heads, being 9, 10, 11, 12 inches at bottom to weigh 9, 10, 11, 12 lb.; 13 inches 15 lb., 14 inches 17 lb.

And it is by this Court further Ordered that the weight of **Standishes** shall be as followeth (vizt)

great water large with Lyons $2\frac{1}{2}$ lb., great Water plaine 2 lb., middle Water wth Lyons 2 lb., middle water plaine 1 lb. 10 oz., Small water wth Lyons $1\frac{3}{4}$ lb., Small water plaine 1 lb. 6 oz., Long Till with Lyons 1 lb. 6 oz., Long Till plaine 1 lb., Round Water with Lyons 1 lb., Round Water plaine $\frac{3}{4}$ lb.

And the said Com^{te} have agreed That y^e prises p selling of Pewter shall be as followeth: That is to say

Swaged or strip^t dishes by retaile after y^e rate of 13 d. p ti & change 4 d. p ti.

Ordinary dishes after y^e rate of 12 d. p ti & change 3 d.

Trencher plates Swaged or strip^t 14 d. p ti & change 5 d.

Ordinary Trencher plates beaten in the pitch 13 d. p ti & change 4 d.

Swaged or strip^t Basons 14 d. p ti & change 5 d.

Peice and other ordinary Basons 13 d. p ti & change 4 d.

Spanish and Russia shall be accounted as ordinary sadware and sold after y^e rate of 12 d. p ti & change 3 d.

Th'above sorts of Ware to be sold to the Merch^t by wholesale for Transportacōn at 1 d. p ti belowe y^e price above expressed.

Guinney Basons to be sold p transportacōn at 12 d. p fi.

Holloſ Ware in generall p 2 d. p shilling pfitt accounting y^e mettle at 9 d. p fi.

Holloſ Ware in generall sold to a Merch^t p Transportacōn after y^e rate of 1½ d. p shilling pfitt accounting the mettle at 9 d. p fi.

Stiff Heads by retayle after y^e rate of 12 d. p fi & change 5 d.

Other ordinary Lay by retaile after y^e rate of 11 d. p fi & change 4 d.

Stiff pannes after y^e rate of 10 d. p inch.

Stiff Head Bottoms of lead after y^e rate of 3 d. p fi.

Grayne Tynn to be sold p retaile the quantitie being under a quarter of an hundred after the rate of 12 d. p fi.

Grayne Tynn to be sold in greater pcells the least quantity being a quarter of an hundred after y^e rate of 5 fi p cent.

Daniell Mason being convened before this Co^t [27th May] p makeing Plates unbeaten in the Pitch or booge, aleadged that they was Spanish Plates and they are usually soe alowed and that he onely made y^e distinction by strikeing of a fillett at the request of the M^rchant. The Court Considering that under such p^tences they might be sold for new fashioned Plates by retaile w^{ch} requires much more & better workemanship & soe y^e strikeing of the fillett would be but a Couler of Cheat. Therefore the Co^t ffyned him at 20^s . . .

The Master and Wardens acquainted this Court [18th June] that according to an Order of the last [Court] they had inquired into the method of renewing & confirming the Ch^re and found that the Charge would be about 150 fi.

A Committee was thereupon appointed to procure the grant of a new Charter, and at the Court on 24th September the Clerk reported that "the Broad Seal was yesterday affixed thereunto." The Charter is dated 23rd September, 26 Charles II, and confirms the previous Charters, besides granting a few additional privileges to the Company, chiefly to facilitate their Searches.

The Pewterers shared with the Haberdashers' Company the lease of a Barge house and paid on 24th September 25*l.*, half the fine for its renewal by the Archbishop of Canterbury.

The Clerk was ordered (10th December) to enter in a book full particulars of all country searches.

There are two books of Country Searches in the Company's possession. One extends from 1635 to 1641, when these Searches were probably stopped owing to the unsettled state of the country during the Civil War. The second volume covers the period from 1669 to 1723.

Païd M^r William Jones in ffull ffor foure peices of Tapestry hangings 22*l.*

These were bought for the decoration of the Court of Assistants' Room.

Païd ffor a new Pewter Plate to strike touches on 6*s.* 6*d.*

No expenditure was incurred this year for building and all the Company's property was now let, but the interest on loans was 188*l.* 8*s.* 4*d.*, and the actual repayment of principal was only 50*l.*

1674-5. On 11th March the Master stated that by direction of the Court of Aldermen "he had dismissed M^r Brookes the minister from preaching in the Hall."

The Company agreed on 28th March to a statement to be submitted to the Lord Treasurer "against the ffarming of Tynn." They urged "As to the Inconveniency of a ffarme, Experience hath manifested it hath always been attended wth a generall decay of Trade by reason of the great advance of the price of Tynn. For When the Tynner recd 3*li* 10*s.* p Cent. The ffarmers sold for 5*li* 12*s.* and when the Tynner had 4*li* 10*s.* The ffarmers price was 6*li* 6*s.* besides the advantage of Stannary weight w^{ch} is about 8*li* p Cent, So that upon the whole, a Farme enhaunceth the price of Tynn at Least 45*s.* p Cent (of w^{ch} his Ma^{tie} never recd a fourth p^t as wee humbly conceive in Lieu of his right of p^rempcōn) By means whereof the dutch and other nacōns will not onely be encouraged to import moleax Tynn from East India, w^{ch} they have alreadie made Tryall of and exposed the same to Sale much below the prises in any ffarme.

but alsoe have other great advantages by debasing their manufacture. For by how much the dearer the Tynn is, by so much the more will the profit be to those who allow of their mettell to be debased to a farr Lower standard then this Kingdome.

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This was not the notorious Judge, but an Alderman who was a distinguished member of the Ironmongers' Company.

By an order of the 17th June Master pewterers were made responsible in case of the non-payment of quarterage by their journeymen, under penalty of dismissing such defaulters from their service.

On the 24th June a Mr. Elles and other members of Mr. Brookes' congregation were permitted to rent the Hall for religious services on giving a bond to indemnify the Company against a penalty under any statute.

Through the great increase of the Livery (admitted to provide by their fees financial assistance to the Company) the duties of the Steward for Lord Mayor's day had become very onerous. It was therefore ordered (1st October) that three Stewards be appointed "to bear an equall share of the charge of the dinner, musique & barge, for y^t day."

On the 26th October the Court considered as to the action to be taken with regard to a large quantity of ingots of lead cased with tin which had been seized and brought to the Hall.

paid two men goeing out upon the Insurreccōn of the Weavers 12 s. 6 d.

1675-6. The Court ordered on 16th March that the quarterage paid by Journeymen should be reduced to 3d. quarterly on account of their want of employment through the deadness of trade.

At the same Court the Company were again admonished by the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen to dismiss the congregation of Mr. Thomas Brookes. They replied (8th April) that the Meeting refused to comply with the Company's request to discontinue the services.

This Court [same day] takeing into their consideracōn the great increase of the members of this Comp^a being of the misterie by takeing of appntices [appointed a Committee to consider the matter].

The Committee upon apprenticeship recommended (20th May) as follows:—The Master and all past Masters to have two apprentices, with power to take another “after the eldest hath served half his tyme.” The Wardens and past Wardens two also, and another “when the eldest hath served all his tyme wthin Two years.” Liverymen who have served as Steward one apprentice, and “when he hath served half his tyme” then to take another. Liverymen who have not been Stewards one apprentice, and to take another when the first has served his time all but two years. Every other “member of the myserie that hath sett up as a Master Pewterer one whole year,” one apprentice, and another when such apprentice has served all his time within six months. These recommendations were approved by the Court on the 22nd June.

William Allen whose cups were $2\frac{1}{2}$ gr. below standard was (1st June) “onely forbid any further using of soft pale & admonished for this Crime,” it being his first offence.

Whereas Tynn Barrs being Cast as they ought (vizt) of the ffynest and best Tynn is a Merchandize of high estimacōn in the World, [it was ordered on 10th August that no one should receive less than 2s. 6d. from any merchant or stranger for the casting of every cwt.]

1676-7. Adam Langley summoned on 21st June for selling dishes insufficiently wrought pleaded in excuse that “at the Merch^a request he Planished some and for hast Omitted the stripping & burnishing w^{ch} is used to compleat the work of Planished Ware.”

At the same Court Jonathan Ingles was fined 5s. for the bad quality of his square candlesticks “considering that in regard of the great price w^{ch} is p^d for workmanship of y^t sort of ware, they used & ought to be made as good as Plate mettle.”

At a Court on 13th December it was ordered that no one should put the word “London” on his touch.

Ordered [same Court] that all planished ware and square-work w^{ch} is wrought by the hand and all round Fyne Chamber-potts and new-fashioned spoones shall henceforward be made of good ffyne plate mettle.

Païd spent upon the Livery upon the choice of M^r Thomas Gregg Sheriffe 1 l.

Thomas Gregg was a member of the Pewterers' Company, and served as Master in 1672. See illustration, page 40.

The Company succeeded this year in reducing from 6 to 5 per cent. the interest on their loans, then amounting to a total of over 3,000*l*.

1677-8. On 20th June one hundred gross of Dutch buttons were seized from "one Dove," who pleaded ignorance of any law against buying foreign pewter, and said that the buttons cost him 20*l*.

Mr. Henry Perrin, chosen Master, desired (8th August) to fine as he was Churchwarden of St. Bride's parish "w^{ch} of it self was a great trouble and it is now encreased by the late Act of Parliam^t for burying in Woolen." His excuse was not accepted.

On 16th August a Mr. Austin was excused from taking the Cloathing on his declaration that "he was not worth cleer estate two hundred pounds."

John Skinn was fined 1*s*. (26th September) for neglecting to put his touch on both parts of a pair of cranes.

James Bufflebant complained (10th October) against a Crooked Lane man who kept shop in Southwark & had seüall sorts of Pewter served him for to retaile in his Shopp there.

Païd for Coffee and other liqueurs at Kiftells had at severall tymes 6*s*. 6*d*.

The earliest mention of coffee occurs in this year's Accounts.

1678-9. **At** this Court [14th October] M^{rs} Sicely Moore formerly the wife of Edward Fish late member of this Comp^a decd, and since married to one Moore a fforreigner now alsoe decd desired to be admitted into the ffredome of this Comp^a. After some debate the Court agreed and soe Ordered that she shall be received into the ffredom of the Comp^a Gratis onely paying the usuall ffees and this Condition that she shall not bind any appntice by virtue of the sd Freedom.

paid the Lord Maiors Officers bringing two spoones for Mr Mason & Mr Langley who not dining wth the Lord Maior the said spoones are for the Companyes 3 s.

A supply of pewter bought for the use of the Hall for 9*l.* 6*s.* included "8 Rushy Pottles." Three dozen knives, some with half ivory and others with black hafts, cost 1*l.* 2*s.* 9*d.*

1679-80. Mr. Morgan was paid 3*l.* on 18th March for his map of the City. This was the well-known map published in 1677 from a survey by John Ogilby.

It was agreed at the same Court that the rate of exchange for Sadware should be not less than 3*d.* per lb.

Rufie Porter Complained [17th June] against William Bowden Beadle for encourageing a Tyneman in Crooked Lane to drive the trade of a Pewterer.

The charge was not sustained. These "Crooked Lane men" and their wares were constantly in conflict with the Company. It is not clear what was the nature of their goods, but the above entry suggests that it may have been tin.

Mr. Thomas Jackson, living at Newington Green, presented to the Company on 12th August, a large silver gilt cup and cover with the Company's arms and crest embossed.

The Quarterage was granted to the Beadle (9th September) on his payment of 9*l.* per annum to the Company and 20*s.* at each Quarter search dinner. His salary was fixed at 20*l.* yearly, and the "money p^d for the use of the Hall for ffuneralls" was to be given one-third to the Clerk and two-thirds to the Beadle.

paid attending the Railes in Cheapside till y^e Company came from y^e water [on Lord Mayor's Day] 6 s.

1680-1. The former practice of giving a fee (2*s.*) for attendance at Court meetings instead of providing a dinner for the Assistants present was revived (24th March).

The barge was reported on 23rd June as unfit for further use, and at the same Court Obedience Robins was admonished for faulty ware.

James Jameson, an apprentice, whose sight was not fit for sad ware, was permitted on 11th August to serve a spoonmaker.

John Pettiver was summoned (22nd September) for having the ears of his booge porrengers run on with pale, and promised to burn the ears on for the future.

A grant of 5s. was made on 29th October for the relief of James Shaw "an Alcumy [? alchemy] Spoonemaker."

1681-2. The Court on 16th March considered certain abuses in the trade by making "Sadware planished wthout striping & burnishing in the Holloware wheel," and "Ordered that all Trencher Plates & other Sadware w^{ch} shall be at any tyme hereafter made & Planished Shall be alsoe compleatly and in Workmanlike manner Stript & Burnished."

John Blackwell was charged on 10th August with selling trencher plates without any other mark than the silver mark, and was fined 20s.

The freedom of the Company was refused (5th October) to James Mitchell, who had served for seven years as apprentice to a pewterer in Penzance, and was entitled to the freedom of the City by patrimony (his father being a Haberdasher). Mitchell was desirous of living in London and following the trade of a pewterer.

1682-3. ~~Here~~ followeth a true Coppie of a Peticōn from the Comp^a y^e 5th of March To the Right Hon^{ble} John Earle of Bath L^d W^dn of the Stannaries. Sheweth. That by the auntient Orders constitucōns & Customes of the Stannaries The Hott m^rks as well of the Tynner of Pprietor, As of the Blowinghouse Ought to be placed upon all Tynn made into Blocks And the Se^lall Blowers in the respective Blowing-houses ought to be sworne to make Tynn wthout fraud or deceit And to deli^u a true acco^t into y^e Coynage Hall of all such Tyn they shall make in their se^lall Blowinghouses That noe part of his Majesty's Stanary duty be lost . . . But for se^lall years past great frauds have been practiced By puting great Cores of Cindry, Madges, or other hard &

Noxious matter into the Body or Middle of the Block to prevent the saye masters knowledg thereof. And by y^e stirring up & falce pouring of Flotes & other undue practises of the Blowers Great quantityes of Tyn are made of undigested Oare being not throughly purged wth fire Alsoe Hard, Cindry, Mundick & glassy Tyn wthout sufficient (& often wthout any) Tare set thereon to make it merchantable And alsoe by se^uall private p^{er}sons remelting of Corrupt & Fyne Tyn together under p^{re}tence of refining but is indeede to prevent the Allowance of such Tare as hath been placed upon y^e Bad & Corrupt By w^{ch} means great quantities of the finest Tyn is much abused & dimished and the Glory of that staple Comodity brought out of Esteem. [The Petition concludes by craving a remedy for these abuses.]

Mr. John Clark was not permitted (16th August) to hold office as he declined to take the customary oaths, but was obliged to fine for all offices.

Daniel Barton complained [20th December] against John Clark Thomas Waight & Joseph Higdon for makeing spoones wthout beating being only cast grated & burnished.

1683-4. John Skyn complained against Tho Porter [20th March] for strikeing upon his ware p^{er} of his touch. Ordered by consent of P^{ar}ties That y^e sd Porter shall strike the Angell & glister serreng.

At the same Court the use of moulds for casting basons was strictly forbidden.

✓ Several Sadware men petitioned the Court the same day setting forth their poverty "being forced to goe into the Country & fforreigne parts to gett work." They allege as "one great & groweing cause of that evill" the excessive number of young men setting up with insufficient capital and so working "at journymens Wages to other Shoppes."

On the 17th May the Court received the first intimation of the writ of Quo Warranto which resulted in the forfeiture of their Charter. To the heavy legal expenses thus incurred were added the charge of devising fresh security to the Company's numerous creditors. Most of the other Companies and the City itself were involved in the same trouble. A deed

surrendering to the King the offices of Master, Wardens, Assistants and Clerk was considered at a Court held on 23rd September, and sealed on the 19th January, 1684.

1684-5. The surrender was not delivered immediately, and King Charles II being dead, the Court ordered (19th March) the deed to be cancelled and a fresh one prepared, the name of King James II being substituted. This was delivered to Lord Chancellor Jefferies on the 26th March, a copy being inserted on the Court minute book. Under the new Charter granted by James II, a Court of Assistants was held on the 23rd July, at which it was agreed to petition the Court of Aldermen for the grant of a Livery to the Company, the new Assistants appointed by the Charter being admitted on payment of the usual fee.

John Jackson, being called on the Livery (1st September) excused on declaring that he was not worth 300*l*.

3rd being this day [15th October] debated whether W^m Howard and Thomas Shackle who poled against the Government shall bee p^rsented to bee of the new Livery or not and it was carryed in the affirmative.

1685-6. It was ordered on 14th January that every man before being "admitted to his marke doe bring a peece of prooffe worke."

On the 16th July the Company's new barge was reported to be finished and ready for launching.

The payments in fees for the Company's new Charter amounted to 172*l*., besides many incidental expenses.

Spent upon the Livery [29th May] upon the Kings Restoracōn
1 *l*. 18 *s*. 2 *d*.
paid a rate for the Co^mon Sewers 1 *l*. 2 *s*. 6 *d*.

This is the first mention of a sewers rate.

1686-7. The spoonmakers complained on 7th April of Mr. Barton for using an "engine" to make spoons. He convinced the Court that his spoons were well finished, and undertook not to sell them in the country under six shillings a gross, and in town for four, "w^{ch} will be noe p^rjudice to y^e other workemen."

Under an order of the Privy Council, dated 25th September, and the Lord Mayor's precept thereupon, one of the Wardens and sixteen Assistants, mentioned by name, were removed from their offices. Another order received from the Court of Aldermen, dated 11th October, ordered the discharge (by the King's direction) of twenty-five persons from the Livery of the Company.

The Kings Lres Patents of the 19^o Novemb^r Ins^t dispensing with se^uall Clauses in y^e Charter of this Company being read it was ordered [24th November] y^t the same should be entred in the Companyes Bookes togeather wth the order of the Court of Aldren.

1687-8. On 1st February the Hall was let for use on Sundays and Thursdays, as a meeting-house, to "M^r Smith with some of his friends belonging to the Conventicle of M^r Timothy Crusoe."

King James began early in his reign to make vigorous use of the powers reserved to the Crown under the late Charter to remove and reinstate Assistants and Liverymen, those whose political views were opposed to the Court being singled out for dismissal.

Theophilus Redding whose formerly was admitted to strike a touch of the three Tulipps now [17th July] desired to have liberty to Strike a New Touch which was allowed him vpon his promise to take noe advantage or make any Complaint of any other mann for strikeing the former touch.

The old trouble of the tin farming arose once more this year. A petition from the Company to the Lords of the Treasury was referred to the officers of the Mint for consideration and report. Their report and the reply of the tin farmers are entered on the minutes. In the report of the Mint officials it is stated that in 1664 the number of working pewterers in and about London was about three hundred and fifty, but since that time they are increased to about four hundred and fifteen. The Company, in a further petition to the Treasury, after replying *seriatim* to the arguments of the farmers, plead that should the price of tin be raised for the Pewterers, the export trade of pewter goods will be lost to the country and pass into the hands of the Dutch. This people obtain at low rates great quantities of tin from India, and their pewter

being debased "to three pence in the pound below our Standard, they will be capable of Supplying those Markets abroad at much cheaper rates then the Pewterers can doe Vnless they have a sufficient allotment of Tynn at the price the farmers pay for y^e same." As a final resource the Company approached the King himself in a petition at the beginning of August. Ultimately an agreement was come to by the Company and the tin farmers.

Pursuant to an Order of Court the Beadle went to M^r Meares who is to cast the Tynn for the New Farthings to require him to desist from that employment He not being qualified by the Orders of this Company to work therein But he very obstinately denied to desist [8th October].

The Company were notified (same day) by the Court of Aldermen that the members of the Company displaced under the *Quo Warranto* judgment were to be restored.



WARDEN'S BADGE.



BARGE MASTER'S BADGE.



INITIAL LETTER OF CHARTER OF JAMES II, 1685.

CHAPTER IX.

From the Revolution Era to modern times.

THE Company was now very slowly recovering from the disastrous effects of the Great Fire when to add to their distresses came the crushing blow of the Quo Warranto. It is marvellous that they maintained their financial stability, but this was only effected by incurring an enormous debt, the interest of which hung as a burden upon them for more than a generation. By the self-denial of all the members, money was speedily found to rebuild the Hall. Its design is attributed, but without a particle of evidence, to Sir Christopher Wren. There is no trace of the genius of that great architect in what remains of "the tenements with a Hall at the back," the design of which the Court agreed to on the 25th February, 1667.

1688-9. On 21st January, it was decided that a Steward should be appointed to provide a dinner for the Livery on Thursday next, "being the day appointed for a Thanksgiveing to God for his great deliverance to these Nations by his Highness the Prince of Orange."

That admission to membership of the Company and permission to follow the trade of a pewterer was only to be had through servitude or patrimony (except under very special circumstances) is shown by the three following cases. Daniel Taudin, a pewterer, and brother of a member of the Company, was forced to escape from France with the loss of his property, after enduring much suffering for his Protestant opinions. At his request, he was allowed (on 7th May) to work privately "in his owne Chamber" until the following Michaelmas. John Sanders, citizen and Merchant Taylor, petitioned (20th June) for permission to trade as a pewterer, "he having attained a competent skill in the Trade by the Management of his [late] Brothers business during his long sickness." The Court decided that he should not "have his Freedome upon any Termes whatsoever." At the same Court one Geffers a "Free pewterer of Corke who had fled thence from danger of his life through persecution, prayed for Leave to work or to be releived." The Court awarded him 20s. in relief.

Upon reading the Seaventeenth Ordinance to this Court [20th June] M^r Stone and others complained of the frequent Breach of that Ordinance in strikeing other Touches on their Ware than they struck on the Comp^a plate and instanced in M^r Hancock M^r Tayler M^r Bridges M^r Nicholls.

Mark Henry Shabroles a French Man appeared [15th August] and was told he must not keep any Shopp by reason he is a Stranger and alien. The Court afterwards (9th October, 1690) on learning that he was a French Protestant refugee, gave him leave to work "for some time longer."

On 10th October the Court condemned "certaine wine measures lately made of an unusuall forme being wider mouthed & much deeper in the lip" than those formerly in use, and prohibited their manufacture in future. "And also that patterns or Samples of the ancient and usuall forme of wine measures be provided and kept in y^e Hall and marked with the Hall Mark according to ancient orders in that case made."

Thomas Taylor was admonished (19th December) for "strikeing upon his ware the place of his abode being so much more than he registred or struck upon the Hall plate."

1689-90. It was agreed on 7th January to petition the Treasury against "the abuses by casting Barrs in y^e County of Cornwall."

On 22nd July it was resolved to pay 200*l.* as the Company's contribution towards the cost of raising a Regiment of Horse and a Regiment of Dragoons for their Majesties' service.

Ordered [14th August that M^r Sands] alter his Rose & Crowne Stamp by takeing out the place of his abode.

It was resolved (9th October) that "there will be no occasion for observacōn of the Lord Mayors day. The present Lord Mayor being chosen to serve from the tyme of his choyce until St. Symon and Jude come $\frac{12}{mo}$."

M^r Seaton complained [9th October] against M^r Lock for dispersing Tickets of his name & abode And for evidence He affirmed he did see a paper at Stamford with these words Robert Lock pewterer in Newgate Street. M^r Lock denyed the practice.

A similar charge was brought on 11th December against Mr. Shorey, pewterer of Cateaton Street, but his explanation was accepted.

1690-1. This year another call was made on the Company for the Royal service, and on 6th March it was decided to "take up" 500*l.* "on the creditt of the House Seale" to be lent to the King and Queen. On 19th March the fine for admission to the Livery was reduced from 20*l.* to 15*l.*

The Court was of opinion [8th October] That such members as had by peticōn or otherwise desired to be discharged from the Livery & thereupon received theire ffines or any part thereof back againe are not to be esteemed Livery men. And that all such Members that fined for all Offices of the Company after they come on the Livery are good Livery men notwithstanding theire so fining for all Offices.

Complaint was made to this Court [19th November] against Samuel Hancock for strikeing his name at length upon his Trencher Plates and

at each end thereof is struck his own Touch and the Rose and Crown and for strikeing the Letter X upon Ordinary ware which is a mark generally used by the Mistery to distinguish extraordinary ware.

Ordered [17th December] That all Spanish and other Plates that can be beat in the Pitch shall be beat in that part as well as in any other parts thereof.

At the same Court John French was complained of "for Grateing Spoons and not beat."

On the same day the Court agreed to the report of a Committee appointed to determine the proper weight of the "severall sorts and sizes of Pewter." The list differs very little from that agreed to in 1673 and set out on pp. 146-9. These were printed on a "sheet," four hundred copies costing 1*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.*

At the same Court it was ordered that "no Member of the Mistery shall strike any other mark upon his ware than his Touch or Mark struck upon the Plate at the Hall and the Rose and Crown Stamp and also the Letter X upon extraordinary ware."

Yet nevertheless that any Member may add the word London to the Rose and Crowne Stamp or in his Touch.

The question being put whether any Member may have liberty to strike his name at length upon hard mettle or extraordinary Ware It passed in the negative.

1691-2. On the 6th of April another 500*l.* was contributed towards the City's loan to the King and Queen on the security of the Duty of Tonnage and Poundage.

Mr. Taudin desired leave [16th June] to employ Phillip Ruddock at Cheswick his Countrey House as a Journey-man But not to sell anything Which is granted.

The quorum for a Court meeting, inclusive of the Master and Wardens, was thirteen.

A sum of 500*l.* lying in the Chamber of London "being formerly lent the King and returned," was again (5th November) lent to His Majesty upon security set forth in the Lord Mayor's precept.

paid for two Quarts of Brandy and for Cupps . . . 6 s. 4 d.

This is the earliest mention of brandy in these records.

1692-3. Warden Raper submitted (7th February) "that the power in the Master and Wardens is joynt and not severall," and complained that the Court this day, as well as a recent country search, were called "without his privity." No action followed, but at a Court held on 16th March it was decided that the power of the Master and Wardens "is joynt and not severall."

Agreed and ordered [22nd March] that three of the Blocks [from Fresh Wharf] be melted at M^r Cleeves and that severall Trencher plates be cast thereof as it is, without any Temper. And also that it be observed whether any and what Temper is necessary to make the same serviceable for Pewter ware And also then to consider what other corrupt or noxious matter may be mixed in the said Tynn And that all here present attend at the said experiment or tryall on ffriday next at 9: in the Forenoon Of which M^r Docwra to have notice.

Ordered [18th May] that 600*l.* be insured by the Friendly Society on the Houses in Gregory Alley against Fire.

Mark Henry Chabrole was advised (22nd June) to leave the trade of a pewterer, as "the Laws of this Kingdome are against his exercising it," but he was allowed to continue until the 24th August.

The Company having received back the 500*l.* lent to their Majesties, the Court decided (10th August) "to buy a Tally for that sume now offered the Company on the credit of the Act of 4^s in the pound Rent."

At a Court on 12th October, "such as have not their names within the compasse of theire Touches" were allowed to put them "at length within the same."

1693-4. Mr. Ibbitt, the Company's tenant at the Three Daggers, "by Gregory Alley," applied on 22nd March for another small tenement there, "In regard he keeping a publick house wants Cellar roome and other Conveniences."

This is the earliest use I have met with of the term "public house."

This Committee debateing [24th April] the matter of persons strikeing their name at length upon their ware within or besides their Touches or mark struck on the Hall plate

Are of opinion that the practice of strikeing the workers or makers name at length within or besides their Touches registred or struck at the Hall is against the generall good of the Company.

And that all such persons as have sett their names at length within their Touches now in use shall alter their severall marks or touches by leaveing out their name And register and strike at the Hall their respective new or altered marks or touches without any persons name therein.

On the 21st June the Hall was let for religious services to "M^r John Ewers and others attending the ministry of M^r Bragg." The meeting had the Hall on Sunday and one week-day, and a Dancing-master on two other days in the week.

Among the goods seized by the Clerk on 26th September from Wm. Barton were "One Betty Pott marked T C," and two "wine quarts deep lipt of Anthony Redheads make and stampt on the lid with the signe of the Swan."

1694-5. The Clerk was allowed (31st January) to receive as his perquisites all profit from letting the Hall to the Turkey Company and the Feltmakers' Company.

Agreed and so ordered [14th March] that the Company for the future doe give and pay to any person ffive shillings p Hundred weight for any Trencher plates or other new Pewter they shall discover to be imported into the Port of London.

M^r John Allen moved this Court [26th September] to admitt one M^r Giles (a practicer of the Law) to be a ffreeman of this Company by redempcōn He haveing occasion in respect of some Office that he holds to take up his ffreedome of the City of London and also of some Comp^a Which mocōn was rejected.

Samuel Smalley complained [10th October] to this Court against Jn^o Lawrence for arresting upon some difference between them touching y^r dealing together in matters of the Trade without leave from the Company.

The bye-law constituting the above offence had now become almost inoperative through non-enforcement. The earlier records are full of complaints of brethren of the Company which were adjusted by the Court.

More of the said John Dyer his own free Guift for new painting and guilding an antient Table of Verses made on the Companies Coat of Arms 5l.

No traces of this interesting "Table of Verses" remain. John Dyer was the Company's Clerk from 1720 to 1734.

1695-6. **This Court** [3rd January] considering the clipt money was forbid to pass after a limited time now approaching opened y^e poores box and found therein 2^l 5^s 6^d Ordered 2^l 0^s 6^d thereof be put to the 7^l in Bank of the poors mony and the Warden to endeavour to pass it away in time.

This day [9th January] Tobie Humphreys Esq, agreed to sollicit and defray all charges (except Councells fees) of a Bill to be preferred this present Session of Parliament for suppressing the use of Silver Tankards in uttering Beer or ale And for compelling all Retailers of wine beer or ale not to utter and sell those Liquors in any other Vessell but measures of the usuall and co^mon forme and Assize to be sealed by the proper Offic^r appointed by former Statutes under a sufficient penalty One half to the Informer. In considerac^on whereof he hath this day received ffifteen guineas and by agreement of these present on behalf of the Comp^a he shall have ffifteene guineas more when such Bill shall be first read And more in compleate satisfacc^on for all charges travell and pains that he or any other under him shall be at in and about the premisses the sume of ffifty five pounds.

The Pot-makers, in whose interest chiefly the above Bill was promoted, were asked (18th June) specially to contribute towards the cost.

It was ordered on 19th March that all spoons should in future be beaten and not grated and burnished only.

The "Association" subscribed by the House of Commons after the attempted assassination of the King was subscribed by the members of the Company on 2nd April.

The Court (18th August) would not accept Bank notes in payment of a Livery fine, "considering that Bank bills are now worse than money by 12^{li} or 14^{li} p Cent."

One Tanner, "a Stranger to the mystery," was summoned before the Court on 24th September for making "tips for mugs as bad as pale."

Ordered [8th October] That for the future the Master, Wardens and Clerk be habitted every Quarter Court in their Gownes (that is to say) The Master in ffoynes and each Warden a Quest or Quarter Gowne and the Clerk in his proper Gowne.

On the 10th December a loan of 500*l.* was furnished to the King for the support of the naval and military forces.

Spent on Search at the new faire in Coverley field near Brick Lane 7*s.* 9*d.*

Paid the Clerk . . . for attending the Parliament about suppressing the use of Silver in Publick Houses 10*l.*

1696-7. **The Master** acquainted the Court [23rd March] of the following Resolucōns of the Committee of the House of Commons upon the peticōn of the Tanners in Cornwall for encouraging the consumpcōn of Tin (vizt).

That for encouraging the consumpcōn of Tin and advancing the price thereof no wine, beer, ale, brandy, rum, or other Spirits be sold by retaile in any Tavern or other Publick House but in sealed measures made of Pewter. [The Chairman of the Committee desired the Company for this purpose "to draw and bring him the same Bill."]

The Master likewise informed this Court of another Resolucōn of the said Committee (vizt) That the duty upon exported Tin is higher in proporcōn than other Goods generally of the product of England and deserved the consideracōn of the House the rather by reason of the Coynage duty which being an antient revenue of the Duke of Cornwall the Peticōners must be distinctly subject to.

The Company again (14th October) lent 500*l.* to the King "for disbanding fforreigne Troops and paying off the Capitall Ships."

The Livery were directed to appear in their best apparel and gowns when the King passed through the City on his return from Flanders, on the conclusion of the Peace of Ryswick.

On account of the great expense of "the Search on Bartholomew Day" it was ordered (2nd November) "That not above the number Tenn besides the Master & Wardens doe goe on those Searches for the time to come."

Paide for Twenty four pair of Gloves on sealing Mr Ibbotts Lease 3 l.

1697-8. Several blocks of tin were condemned on 13th January as below standard. They bore various tinner's marks, as "Penryn House R.T.," "I. Chicause House."

On the 11th August it was ordered that none should strike any other mark upon ware than "his owne proper Touch and the Rose and Crown Stamp;" that any member may strike his name at length between his Touch and the Rose and Crown also the word London, none may strike the Letter X except upon Extraordinary ware commonly called Hard Mettle ware.

Anything approaching the nature of an advertisement was sternly forbidden, permission being refused on 22nd September to Jonas Durand to add to his Touch the words "Nephew of Taudin."

On the petition of the Journeymen, and other members of the Company, it was resolved (25th November) "to apply themselves to the Parliament for laying a greater Duty on Tin exported." It was alleged that the smallness of the duty was "the cause of the present decay of the Pewter Trade in Forreigne parts."

Mr Cleeve moved [same Court] that the Duty on Tin would be hard to advance But he was advised and beleives that the Two shillings per Cent now on Pewter may be taken of [off] And an Equivalent given to the King for the same And therefore [advised seeking that end.]

1698-9. At a general Court on 21st January, the Livery and Yeomanry being present, a division was taken on the question of a clause in a petition to Parliament, the Yeomanry having votes equally with the other members of the Company.

From a minute of 20th March it appears that the ordinary day of meeting for the Court was Thursday.

John Elderton produced [20th March] a dozen of Two sorts of Trencher Plates unbeat in the Pitch Of which sort he designed to send a quantity to Russia if the Court please to approve thereof. After severall debates and measuring the Diameter & weighing each sort of the said Plates And finding one Plate $8^{\text{inch}} \frac{3}{4}$ & $\frac{1}{2}$ q^r [*i.e.* $8\frac{7}{8}$ in.] Diameter to weigh 12^{li} and $\frac{1}{2}$ p dozen And the other $8\frac{1}{2}$ inches diameter to weigh 11^{li} $\frac{1}{2}$ Therefore agreed by vote That the said Plates may be sent to Russia tho unbeat in the Booge.

In the above entry the terms "pitch" and "booge" are used as synonymous. Another minute of the same Court records that "upon a generall complaint against Mr. Eldertons Plates" he promised not to send the plates to Russia, notwithstanding the resolution of the Court.

On 28th April John Bedel desired to be excused from the Livery, "Affirming he was not worth 500^{li} according to the late Order of the Court of Aldermen for inferior Comp^a."

The Master reported (10th August) that the Lord Mayor was enforcing the laws against unsealed measures, and charged the Company "to make such measures of fine mettle and work as may recomend the use thereof."

After severall debates Agreed by vote of this Generall Court that all Pots made either with hollow Handles or hollow Bottoms be burnished within side Or else to be broke as defective work.

Mr. Inglis, of Southampton, was excused (23rd September) from serving as Upper Warden, having been chosen Mayor of that town for the coming year.

Jos: Colson desired [12th October] to have two dozen of Porrengers which the Master and Wardens last year seized at one Osborns a Brasier in Knaves Acre for being made of defective mettle.

In regard of the Scantiness and weakness of the Comp^a Barge It is agreed [14th December] the same shall be sold.

The 29th October was the last occasion for some few years in which the Company used their barge and accompanied the Lord Mayor *by water* to Westminster. A new barge was subsequently built.

Ordered [14th December] that any Member that shall from henceforth publish or distribute any Bills printed or wrote to comend or boast of his Ware or to invite Customers to come to him before another shall forfeit and pay fforty shillings for every time he shall offend therein.

pd the Milliner for ten Belts and 27 Knots 2 l. 14 s. 6 d.

Spent . . . with severall Members to consult how to obstruct M^r Sandys from takeing Apprentice a ffrench Youth naturalised . . . 2 l. 2 s. 9 d.

pd M^r Northey for advice on the Comp^a Charter two Guineas, and some expences 2 l. 5 s.

Other expenses follow, amounting to 8l. 12s. It is not clear if this was for a new Charter sought for by the Company from the King. No Charter granted by King William III is to be found among the Company's records.

1699-1700. On 24th June the Court defended Charles Johnson in an action brought against him for breaking open Osborn's door in Knaves Acre, whilst acting, during a Search, as their officer.

1700-1. A Committee, appointed to endeavour to procure a greater duty on exported tin, decided (3rd April) to invite the assistance in Parliament of some of the Cornish members of the House of Commons. They also consulted with the members of the Company who "deale into Cornwall for Tinn." These were Thomas Shackle, John Dyer, Richard Smith, Thomas Powell, John Hulls, Thomas Waterer, Daniel Parker, Alex^r Cleeve, and John Fryer.

M^r John Biddle ffounder and Member of this Company being summoned [7th August] to accept the Livery alledged inability and desired to be excused

And the said Biddle being charged with binding more and above the number of Apprentices than is limitted by the Orders of the Court of Aldermen for the Mistery of Copper-smiths Alledged his ignorance therein for his excuse . . .

These two entries above seem to show that the Founders were identical with the Coppersmiths, which, as we have seen, was a Mistery within the Pewterers' Company.

The Master acquainted the Court that he had offerred the Barge to Sale for 12^{li} and was bid but 8^{li}. Agreed if more cannot be gott to sell it for 8^{li}.

John Ewen was charged on 11th December with "neglecting his Duty as one of the Whiffers on the Lord Mayors Day in not bringing up the Dinner that day to the Table according to the antient & constant practice of the Company."

1701-2. **Agreed** by vote [13th January] That the Charter be renewed as the Master & Wardens shall be advised by Councell.

A draft was submitted on 12th March and Counsel instructed to procure "Her Majesties Grant thereof accordingly."

This Court [15th September] desired the present Master and Wardens to continue in their Places until the Great Seale be obtained to the said Charter although it may be after Michas day next.

At this Court [2nd October] the new Charter . . . was read.

The Charter is dated 19th September, 1702, and is the acting Charter of the Company; ratifying and confirming all powers and authorities granted in former reigns.

Also a Book being a Draught of divers Bylaws prepared for the Judges allowance according to the Statute of 19: H: 7: was read . . . and approved of by this Court.

The Bye Laws as approved by the Lord Keeper and Chief Justices were again read and finally accepted at a Court on 22nd October. Together with the Charter they cost in main items (besides minor expenses) 249*l.* 0*s.* 7*d.*

Spaid spent upon the Livery in Coffee, Tea, and other Liquors (As p Bill, on Eleccōn of Lord Mayor 14*s.* 1*d.*

This is the first mention of tea in these records.

Spent on the Livery on the Walk this [Lord Mayor's] day . 9 s. 6 d.
pd mending the Coat of Arms upon the Beadles Staff . . 7 s. 6 d.

1702-3. **Thomas Greener** appeared [11th March] upon Summons to this Court to give account of what Mettle he makes Candle Moulds And declared he made them of a mixture of Mettle something worse than Pale and that they may be better of Fine But that he has experienced they cannot be made of Lay . . . Thereupon this Court considering That the makeing of any new sort of Pewter Vessell or Ware of any other sort of Mettle than perfectly fine or at the Assize of Lay may be of a very dangerous consequence And that there is great quantities of Candle Moulds now made of Mettle worse than Pale Though the same sorts of Moulds were at first made of fine Pewter.

Have Ordered That from henceforth all Candle Moulds shall be made of Pewter perfectly fine And that the Maker thereof shall mark every such Mould that he shall make with his own proper Mark or Touch.

At a meeting on 7th July "to call on a new Livery," John Smalley pleaded "That he had left off the Trade of a Pewterer and that his Estate and Effects are in Spain;" and Richard Markham, milliner on London Bridge, alledged inability. Neither of these excuses was accepted.

On 23rd September the Court was "informed of a great Increase of Muggs made of Earth and a Mark impress'd thereon in imitacōn of Sealed Measures to sell liquid Commodities in," and the Clerk was directed to advise thereon.

The old controversy as to the pre-emption of tin was now again to the front, and a petition to the Lord Treasurer, read and approved on 18th November, gives a good historical summary of the Company's case, which has been sufficiently dealt with in previous pages. The Master and Wardens were requested to claim the best terms ever previously granted to the Company by the Farmers, and to abate them in the subsequent negotiations if necessary.

ffor Twenty three old Spoons belonging to the House sold for 2 s. 3 d.
@ Gallon of Canary 8 s.

paid for three dozen of Knives and three dozen of fforks . . . 18 s.

Forks may have been in use for some years previously, although no specific mention of their purchase occurs.

1703-4. **William Hur** appeared [22nd June] for making watches of bad Mettle [pleaded negligence of his servant for the case which was 3 gr. from fine] And as to the Dyall Plate [19 gr. worse than Lay] could not be made so well of any other Mettle.

The Company agreed (4th September) on the Lord Mayor's precept to attend in their gowns with flags and streamers, music, and six whiffers on Thursday 7th September, to receive Her Majesty "in her passage to St Pauls Church to return thanks to God for the late Signall Victory [at Blenheim] obtain'd over the french and Bavarians on the River Danube."

paid John ffrith for a Plate to strike Touches on 8 s. 9 d.

1704-5. **Thomas Peck** [23rd February] presents Judith Mathews Daughter of Roger Mathews of Dartmouth in Corn Devon Marriner for Seaven years from the date to learn the Art of Childs Coatmaking which his Wife now followeth ij s. vj d.

The above remarkable entry appears among the ordinary apprenticeships of the year, and the girl was duly bound at the Hall. Thomas Peck, himself a pewterer, took the girl as an apprentice for his wife, whose trade was certainly not under the supervision of the Pewterers, but probably under that of the Merchant Taylors.

Ordered That for the future [22nd March] all Bedd Pann Handles shall be made of Plate Mettle And that no person whatsoever doe p'sume to sett any Bed Pann together by paling but the same shall be done by sodering.

The preceding entry throws some additional light on the meaning of the term "pale."

Ordered [16th August] the Bylaws and Charter lately renewed and confirmed by the Judges be fairly engrossed in a Parchment or Vellum Book to be provided for that purpose.

1705-6. The congregation "attending the Ministry of Mr. Paterson (formerly Mr. Braggs)" gave notice on 20th June to quit their tenancy of the Hall. Whereon the Court decided to accept 5*l.* per annum less rent.

Agreed and ordered [10th October] that a Dinner shall be provided on the Fifth day of November next for such of the Livery that shall a week before that time pay Three Shillings apeece for the charge thereof.

This order was rescinded at the next Court, so far as regards the payment by the Livery.

At the same Court complaint was again made against country pewterers for striking "London" on their wares.

On the 31st December Queen Anne passed through the City to return thanks at St. Paul's for the Victory of Ramilies. The Livery met at the Hall at 8 a.m., and at 9 walked "in their proper order to St. Dionis Backchurch There to heare Divine Service and a Sermon and from thence to walk in like order to the Comp^a Stand."

1706-7. One "John Duncomb of Birmingham" was refused admission (20th March) to the freedom of the Company by redemption.

Mr. Sheppard a Whole-Sale Cutler in the Minnories appeared [20th March] about one William Smith (a Cutler also) his makeing of Knive Halfts of Pewter at 3 gr. [Smith, being a poor man, was discharged with a small fine.]

On the 13th December the Company petitioned the Lord Treasurer for reformation of certain alleged abuses in the tin mines of Cornwall and Devon. They stated that the mines afforded "Oar of three Qualities all verry useful . . . which qualities render it preferrable to all other Tin in the World." The "constant practice & usage of the Tinnors" had formerly been to smelt or blow the ore from each mine by itself "at some contiguos Blowinghouse w^{ch} kept their se^uall Qualities intire." Of late under Letters Patent large proprietors had acquired and promiscuously smelted down the ore from various mines, confounding "the se^uall qualities," and rendering it "unfitt for abundance of uses wherein Tin is wholly consumed Its quality and lustre being changed, As Scarlett Dyers, Tin ffoyl workers, Potters for all white Ware, Pinmakers, Founders,

Plumbers and Glasiers . . . nor is the sd Tin of itself soe fitt to be sent to Turkey and other places in Barrs nor for making fine Pewter or for Dyers Kettles &c. And although the Pewterers of London at this time are obliged to take the Tin as it riseth or else stand still Yet when Tin shall be free there will be a difference made in price between Tinn blown as formerly and this now complained of." The petition closes with a prayer for some effectual remedy.

paid and spent this day [1st May, 1707] upon the Master and Wardens and whole Livery attending in the Companys Stand upon occasion of the Queens Maj^{ty} going to and from S^t Pauls Church to Return Thanks to God for the Union of the two Kingdomes of England and Scotland 14 l. 8 s. 3 d.

The Master gave a dinner on this occasion at his own expense, the wine being provided by the Company at a cost of 3 l. 11 s. 3 d., part of the above sum.

1707-8. **Spent** at the ffeathers Tavern upon the Livery on the Walk [on Lord Mayor's Day] 13 s. 10 d.

1708-9. At a Court on 31st May, in view of a Treaty of Commerce being promoted in connection with the Treaty of Peace at the Hague, the Company decided to petition the Commissioners of Trade to promote the sale of English pewter abroad. A draft petition was accordingly considered on the 3rd June, which stated (*inter alia*) that "the Pewterers of ffrance fflanders & Holland &c cannot make pewter without English Tinn," and that "the Dutch permitt Pewter to be imported but not sold which is almost a prohibiçõn." The petition was not presented, however, to the Commissioners.

On the 15th December "one M^r Wroth Clerk of the Markett of the Queens Houshold" came and declared "that the principall Potters who made Muggs lived wthin his jurisdicçõn," and that their mugs, though sealed, were not "fule (at lest uncertaine) measure." The consideration of his complaint was adjourned.

Alderman Sir Thomas Rawlinson, Lord Mayor in 1705, who had been since 1679 the lessee of the Company's "Mitre" Tavern in Fenchurch

Street, at a rent of 30*l.* per annum, died this year, and was succeeded by his relict Dame Elizabeth Rawlinson. The Alderman became lessee in 1679 as executor of, and successor to, Daniel Rawlinson, who similarly succeeded Ashley Cheney in 1658. Before the Great Fire the Company's property in Fenchurch Street comprised the "great house" ("Mitre" tavern) and the "lesser house," which were both held by Daniel Rawlinson, and another house then known as the "Helmet." After the Fire the "Mitre" was rebuilt and the ground rent reduced by the Judges sitting at Clifford's Inn from 40*l.* to 30*l.* The lesser house, rented at 10*l.*, was not rebuilt, and the rent of the other house was raised from 30*l.* to 37*l.* 10*s.*

Païd & spent [29th October] upon the Lord Mayors day There being no publick Shew [the Prince of Denmark having died the day before]
2*l.* 17*s.* 11*d.*

1709-10. Ordered [23rd March] Mr Jases have leave to take down the Comp^a Sunn Dyall from his House [adjoining the Hall in Lime Street] reserving liberty to the Comp^a to sett up another when they shall think fitt.

On 20th April, on a petition to the Queen for the usual reservation of the Company's privileges in the proposed grant to the Tin Farmers, the Company stated that foreign pewter was adulterated to the extent of one fourth part by lead. The petition was referred by the Lord Treasurer to the Officers of the Mint at the Tower of London. Here a deputation of the Company attended on the 10th May to prove by experiment the bad quality of foreign pewter. The proceedings were as follows:—

First an essay made of one of the Tinn Barrs in the Tower (w^{ch} agreed exactly withe the Comp^a Tin Say) and soe made the say from the Queens owne Tin to be the Standard for the performance following (vizt) 4 ounces of Tin of the same Barr mixed wth $\frac{1}{2}$ an Ounce of Lead was found to be 6 gr & $\frac{1}{2}$ worse than the sd Tin Say.

4 ounces of the sd Tin mixed wth 1 ounce of Lead 13 gr worse than Tin.

3 ounces of Tin mixed wth 1 ounce of Lead 18 graines; and 2 Ounces of Tin mixed wth 1 ounce of Lead 25 graines frō the sd Tin Say.

And Tryed seſſall peices of fforeign old pewter w^{ch} were found as followeth

A ffrench 2th dish at 18 graines from the sd Tin Say. Another the like at 22 graines. A 3th dish mark^d 3 flower de luce 16 graines. A Dutch Guinea Bason 14½ graines. Another Dutch guinea Bason 18 graines. A Dutch deep dish 13 graines. A Dutch Trencher Plate 18 graines. A Dutch 3th dish 20 graines. A Spanish flaggon 29 graines. A Swedish Trencher plate 16 graines & A ffrench 3th dish 15½ graines. Then the sd Officers sent one of their owne servants to fetch from any pewterers shopp in London who brought one new and another old Trencher plate w^{ch} were found to be both of equal goodness (vizt) 1 graine & ½ from the Tin say.

The Mint officials in their report state that the average yearly export of pewter for the last nine years was 200 tons. They also reported as the result of the above experiments that the best of the foreign pewter was considerably inferior to the English. The Company, dissatisfied with this, pointed out (13th June) in a further petition to the Lord Treasurer, "It appears by the Experiments mencōned in the sd Report That a Tun weight of Tin is used in every Tun of Pewter made in England, But in a Tun Weight of Pewter made in fforeign Nations there is used but ffifteen hundred weight of Tin at most." The grant of 200*l.* yearly by Kings James I and Charles I to the poor workmen was, the petition stated, continued from 1613 for 30 years and upwards; and the Farm of 1664, which took the Company by surprise, lasted for only two years.

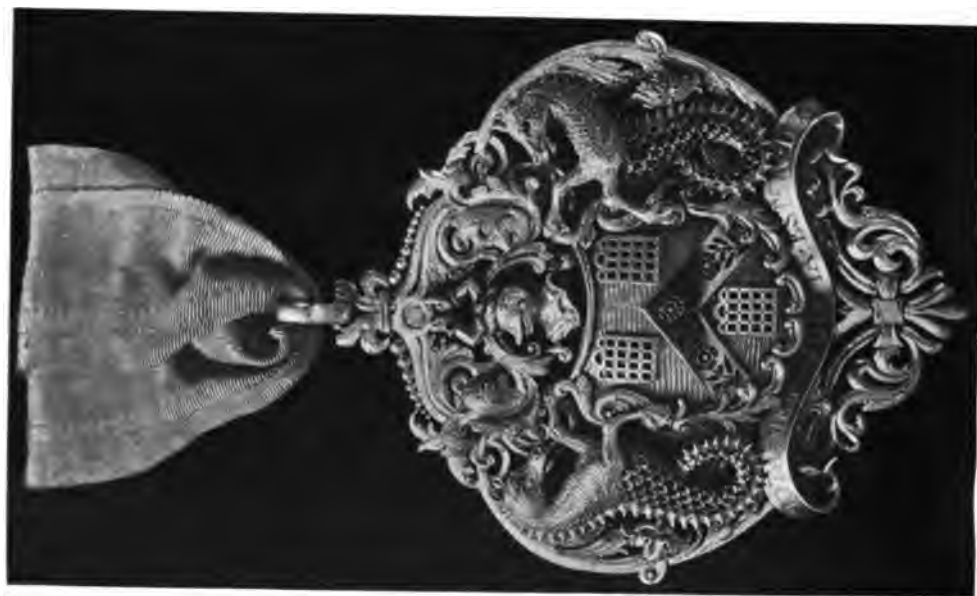
The election of Master fell this year upon Mr. John Fryer, who had lately become Alderman of Queenhithe Ward, and was then living at Whorwell, near Andover, Hants. He afterwards became a Baronet, and was Sheriff in 1715 and Lord Mayor in 1720.

On 28th September a question having been raised whether Alderman Fryer was a member of the Court of Assistants by virtue of his office of Master, to set all doubts at rest, he was formally elected an Assistant.

Leaſe is granted [12th October] to Thomas Peisley to strike a large Touch notwthstanding he hath already struck upon the Hall Plate a Small Touch wth two fres only.



BEADLE'S STAFF HEAD.



MASTER'S BADGE.



UNDER BEADLE'S STAFF HEAD.

The house in Barbican was rebuilt at a cost of 140*l.* and let at 20*l.* per annum.

1710-11. A special Court was held on 22nd January to consider measures for the improvement of the trade, "w^{ch} is now reduced to a verry deplorable condicōn both in this Kingdom and in fforreign parts."

It was reported at the Court on 29th January that the Company was petitioning the House of Commons. Several Cornish members had promised to assist them in procuring a reduction or abolition of the duty on exported pewter (then 2*s.* per cwt.), but "would oppose all they could the laying any further duty upon Tin exported" (then 3*s.* per cwt.). The "Case" of the Company was ordered on 1st February to be printed and 1,200 copies struck off, and a further "Case" on 20th February. The Company's efforts did not succeed.

The Lord Mayor's feast took place this year on 6th February, Sir Gilbert Heathcote being the new Lord Mayor.

☞ Convex Lights in lieu of a light at y^e Hall Gate . . . 6*s.*

☞ y^e Doorkeeper of y^e house of Com^{ns} distributing y^e Case . . . 10*s.*

1711-12. Ordered [19th June] That Twenty Shillings per annu be allowed the Clerk of the Company from Lady day last for y^e Rent of y^e Thames water laid into the Hall.

Mr Robert Nicholson, Mr Eames and others complained [same Court] that Searches are not so frequently made as they conceive to be necessary.

Ordered on 25th September that 3*l.* of the Poor's money be put in the Bank. This is the earliest mention of a bank.

At a Court on 18th December, Mary and Elizabeth, the daughters of Samuel Witter, were admitted to the freedom by patrimony on the usual payment of 9*s.* 2*d.*

☞ for a new Silver head for y^e Beadles Staff as rec^t. . . . 7*l.* 8*s.*

☞ paid for Repairs of y^e Large Window in the Assistants Room broke & defaced by y^e Mobb from y^e Markett [Includes 30*s.* to Joshua Price, Glass Painter]. 5*l.* 7*s.*

The Market was that of Leadenhall, which adjoined the Company's Hall in Lime Street.

1712-13. At a Court on 13th August, "John Walmsley of Gainsborrow" asked permission to strike for his Touch "The Lyon rampant with a Crown over the head."

Ordered (29th October) That he may strike the Hart and Crowne, but not the word London.

Mr Greening a Cheesmonger and another of the People that attend the Ministry of Mr Owen came to the Hall [29th September] and gave the Clerk of the Company notice That the said People should leave the Meeting in the Hall six moneths from hence. [Their rent was reduced to 18*l.* and they appear to have stayed on.]

Ordered [17th December] that one hundred pounds be laid out for the p'sent in the purchase of an East India bond. [The interest received was 6 per cent.]

1713-14. On 13th April a girl named Lucy Sellers was bound at the Hall in the ordinary course as apprentice for seven years to Elizabeth Read, widow of Samuel Read.

Ordered [24th August] that Mr Shorey be Desired to print the Sermon he preached before this Company on Thursday last.

The Company attended on the 20th September in compliance with the Lord Mayor's precept to welcome the new Sovereign, King George I, on his passage through the City. The expense amounted to 48*l.* 17*s.* 10*d.*

Ordered [14th October] That for the future all Summons to the Assistants for their Appearance at any Court be by printed Ticketts.

☞ for writing two Lists of y^e Livery for y^e Sherriffs on choyce of Parl^m men 5*s.*

1714-15. On 24th March William Hux, whose toy watch-case was found 5 gr. worse thay Lay, pleaded "that one Beasley has made the same sort of ware of Lay and sometimes as Bad as pale and if he be not

suffered to work as another he shall loose his Trade." The Court there-upon ordered that in future none shall make "any sort of pewter watch cases of any other than ffine mettle."

At the same Court, in consequence of the late fire in Thames Street, it was ordered that the Hall be insured in the Hand in Hand Office for seven years for the sum of 1,200*l*. The premium was 5*l*. 8*s*. 5*d*.

Sir John Fryer, Bart., one of the Sheriffs, was, on 4th August, elected for the second time Master of the Company, and was granted (18th August) the use of Pewterers' Hall during his Shrievalty.

~~This~~ Court [13th October] considering the Extraordinary occasion at this time more than for some years past to Celebrate the memory of the ffifth day of Novemb^r have thought fitt [that instead of one Steward two shall be appointed to provide a dinner for the Livery].

The celebration of Lord Mayor's Day was this year on a grander scale than usual, the King dining in the City on that occasion.

Φ^d p Repairing & new painting y^e Donors [William Smalwood's] Picture
assis^d room 10*l*. 15*s*.

1715-16. On 21st June was announced a bequest by Samuel Jackson, pewterer, of 20*s*. apiece to six Sad ware poor freemen of the Company. On the same day it was ordered that "the Table of Assizes of ware made in December Anno 1691" should be reprinted.

Mr. John Shorey was ordered on 24th September to be summoned before the Court for casting Sadware of Trifling metal.

I learn from a present member of the Company that the term "Sad-ware" is applied in the trade to flat ware, such as dishes, plates, etc.

1716-17. ~~This~~ Court being informed [8th August] That M^r Tarlton the Clerk made some yearly profit of the Hall by vertue of an Order of Court made in January 1694, after some debate Agreed That the profitts arising from the Lord Yarmouths meeting and the ffencing Masters use of the Hall be for the future paid to the Comp^a.

1717-18. Ordered on 10th April that the Company's joint interest with the Haberdashers' Company in the Barge House be let or disposed of at the discretion of the Master and Wardens.

Also at this Court [19th June] the Charter was Read.

On 24th July the Court ordered that pewter signs should in future be made only of fine pewter.

Ordered [9th October] that a Stand for the use of the Livery be provided for that purpose against the next Lord Mayors day. And that the Master and Wardens do take care to provide the said Stand as they think fitt and to have it sett up in the same place as anciently they had enjoyed.

Ordered [18th December] that M^r Rich^d ffrancklin a Copper-smith or ffounder be the person appointed pursuant to the order of the Court of Aldermen to inspect the By Laws of that Mistery that they be duly executed in relacōn to such members of this Comp^a as are of that Mistery.

This year's accounts begin a new volume, on the fly-leaf of which is an ornamentally-written Latin double acrostic consisting, with its subscription, of ten hexameter verses. It is written in black ink on purple paper, the acrostic initials VENERANDI [Worshipful] and terminals STANNARII [Pewterers] being in gold. Immediately facing, on the first page of the book, is a very imperfect transcript, the ink of which, like that of the original, is much faded.

To the Master Wardens and Assistants of y^e Worshipfull Company of Pewterers London

V	estram PRÆSTANTES perdigni semper HONORI	S
E	gregiam FAMAM Pa[u]per, Viduæq, recantan	T
N	ullo CONVENTU quin Munificentia Vestr	A
E	xhilerat multos, magnum præbetq, Levame	N
R	ecte SCRUTANDO IUS Nixi est reddere Culme	N
A	rs Solers et Fraudis iners quâ tot Bona fact	A
N	usquam Donantur melius Legata notatu	R
D	et DEUS ut Terra, Cœloq, sitisq, Beat	I
I	ngressi IUVENES discant Vestigia sequ	I

Præces sunt Servi ardentis Fratrisq, Diurnæ
Richardi White Stannarii et Malleatoris.

Richard White was a member of the Court of Assistants. He officiated as Clerk during the illness of Robert Tarlton, the Clerk, who died on 9th April, 1720. In these Latin lines some words are written in capitals, apparently from caprice rather than owing to their special significance, as they do not form a chronogram. In the first four lines the munificence of the Company in relieving at every Court their poorer brethren and cheering the hearts of the widows is highly extolled. The next three lines are mere jargon, and beyond the power of the translator. Their intention seems to be to record the benefits resulting from the strict and impartial use made by the Company of their right of search for bad pewter ware. These daily and fervent prayers of Richard White, the Company's servant and brother, conclude with a pious wish for the temporal and future happiness of his brother Pewterers, and that new members may learn to follow in their steps.

~~Lost~~ by fall of Gould [gold] 1 l. 19 s.

1718-19. The Company's debt which immediately after the Fire of London stood at 3,000*l.* had now been reduced to 900*l.*

1719-20. One Edw^d Smith desired [24th March] to have the use of the Hall for Examination of 40 Charity Children the Sunday before Easter which was Granted.

~~Wm~~ **Dixon** a Member of this Company, but a Brass button maker and an Ingraver by Trade desired [same Court] to take and bind two Apprentices together, which after some debate was Granted.

~~The~~ **Million Bank** desired leave [4th May] to make use of the Hall the next day which was Granted accordingly.

Alderman Sir John Fryer, to qualify himself for election as Lord Mayor, was translated in July from the Pewterers' to the Fishmongers' Company.

On the 15th December the Court agreed to let the Hall to the Company of Silkthrowers.

~~for~~ the Jews Wedding for the use of the Hall 1 l.

1720-1. The Master reported on 15th June that the Barge House had been let to a waterman in Southwark for 5*l.* per annum.

The Feltmakers' Company desired (28th September) some abatement of the rent they paid for the use of the Hall. Other tenants this year were the Temple Mills proprietors, a "French School Exercise," and "Mr. Gould, the Cook, for a dinner."

1721-2. Complaint was made on 17th July "of Guinea Basons made at Bristol of Essay lay w^{ch} are sold at 7½ p lb to the Comon prejudice of the Pewterers Trade." The Clerk was instructed to investigate the Company's powers over the country trade.

1722-3. On the 21st March a report was received from a Committee appointed to search the Company's records for precedents for the admission of country pewterers to the freedom. It was shown to have been the invariable practice to refuse the Freedom to every person not presented as an apprentice at Pewterers' Hall. The Committee state in their report that they could find no books or records of the Company of earlier date than the year 1656.

The Committee also reported Sir Constantine Phipps's opinion upon the Company's Case submitted to him "touching Searches in the Country." The Case is entered at length on the minutes, and reviews the provisions as to this point of the various Charters and Bye Laws granted to the Company. The Company state that they have constantly made due Search in London and the Suburbs thereof five times a year, "but persons at distances in Country places further from observation have been guilty of great abuses." Therefore "searches in the Country are thought by the Company to be necessary and in performing the same the Company are desirous to be so advised That they may proceed in the Execution thereof safely and according to Law."

The opinion includes answers to eleven questions which are evidently framed to ascertain how the country searches may be made to pay their expenses by imposition of fines, seizure of bad metal, etc.; and how the Company or their agents may be secured against actions for trespass during searches.

On 8th August "six ordinary plates" of Francis Whittle, on which he had impressed the words "Superfine hard Mettle" were ordered to be defaced and broken.

Ordered on 19th December that 150*l.* be invested in South Sea Annuities, and a further sum of 50*l.* when it comes to hand.

1723-4. A charity left to the Company by Mr. Tho. Powell of 20*l.* yearly for a fixed term to their own poor and 15*l.* a year to the town of Cirencester was lost by its unfortunate investment in South Sea stock. The executors offering to repair their mistake, the Court agreed on 16th June to a proposal for the purchase of annuities in the Exchequer to the required amount. It was afterwards agreed (5th November) that the Company should receive 800*l.*, and all arrears, in full settlement.

An action had for many years been pending between the Company and Edward Dawkins respecting the charity of Ralph Stray, payable out of the Saracen's Head Inn in Melton, Suffolk. The annual payment having been withheld from the Company for a long period, a final decision in their favour was obtained from the Lord Chancellor, which is entered at full length on the minutes of the 8th October.

1724-5. It was decided on 17th June to call upon the Livery such "as shall take upon them the Cloathing voluntarily and without Compulsion paying the Ordinary ffine." The Livery was now coming to be considered a privilege instead of a burden.

1725-6. ~~The~~ **Master** acquainted the Court [September] what application he had made to severall proper officers of his Royall Highness George Prince of Wales touching the abuses in the adulteration of Tin, the Discovery whereof was lately advertized in the London Gazette.

John Glenman had leave [same Court] to Strike his Touch the same as was used by Abraham fford who has left of his trade & who Consented thereto.

It Was represented [6th October] that the present Custom of searching Beams and Weights being done now in one day & in October when the days are short, is very troublesome . . . and the Day being publickly known, the Search does not answer the End proposed.

As a remedy it was decided that the Search be made in four divisions in one day, to be fixed by the Master.

Deced of an undertaker for the use of the Hall one day . . . 1*l.* 1*s.*

1726-7. The Substance of a Letter written from Philadelphia dated 12th of Decemb^r last was read [23rd March] Complaining of Ware made of bad work sent from Bristoll. Referred to a Committee to examine and report.

Edward Bradstreet in Shugg Lane piccadilly struck his Touch [10th August] 6 s. 8 d.
paid for Chocolate at severall times 9 d.

1727-8. On 20th June at the general Quarter Court the Master "recommended to the Company to take Care of Mixing Toys Buttons and other Course Mettall amongst the ffine." An order was also passed "that all pewter Scales be for the future made of plate mettall."

On the 5th July, to encourage early attendance at Court meetings, it was agreed that one shilling be paid to each member "who shall appear within an hour after the time mentioned in the summons."

It was ordered on 17th July that a new assay mould be made, as that in use was about 120 years old, and "all mettall is by act of Parliament Ordered to be the ffineness of the mettall in London." The new mould was made with "great skill" by Mr. Eden at a cost of 10*l.* 3*s.* 8*d.* Five guineas were presented to Mr. Eden.

paid for £250 Bank Stock £340

1728-9. Many complaints were again received at this time of the bad quality of pewter made at Bristol, especially guinea basons, but the Company hesitated to exercise their authority by sending a deputation to hold a search so far from London.

1729-30. **Mr. Warden Eden** laid (6th August) before the Court a Table made by Mr. James Nicholson Shewing what Quantity of Tin being melted and mixed with one pound of Lead increaseth the Weight of the Cast from the Hall Essay Moulds by one Grain to ffifty five.

The thanks of the Court were returned to Mr. Nicholson "for that Ingenious and Serviceable performance," and the Table was ordered to be entered in the books of the Company, as follows:

				Pounds.	Ounces.				Grains.
62,	56	...	...	62	87	...	...	...	1
30,	955	...	...	30	154	...	...	...	2
20,	42	...	...	20	64	...	...	...	3
15,	15	...	...	15	29	...	...	...	4
11,	99	...	...	12	"	...	...	...	5
9,	884	...	...	9	148	...	...	...	6
8,	739	...	...	8	6	...	...	...	7
7,	25	...	...	7	4	...	...	...	8
6,	372	...	...	6	6	...	...	...	9
5,	669	...	...	5	105	...	...	...	10
5,	09	...	...	5	1	...	...	...	11
4,	616	...	...	4	94	...	...	...	12
4,	211	...	...	4	3	...	...	...	13
3,	863	...	...	3	134	...	...	...	14
3,	562	...	...	3	9	...	...	...	15
3,	299	...	...	3	47	...	...	...	16
3,	066	...	...	3	1	...	...	...	17
2,	86	...	...	2	133	...	...	...	18
2,	699	...	or	2	103	To one pound of Lead makes			19
2,	509	...	...	2	84				20
2,	358	...	...	2	58	...	...	...	21
2,	221	...	...	2	32	...	...	...	22
2,	096	...	...	2	13	...	...	...	23
1,	982	...	...	1	158	...	...	...	24
1,	876	...	...	1	14	...	...	...	25
1,	779	...	...	1	128	...	...	...	26
1,	689	...	...	1	11	...	...	...	27
1,	605	...	...	1	95	...	...	...	28
1,	528	...	...	1	83	...	...	...	29
1,	455	...	...	1	71	...	...	...	30
1,	387	...	...	1	68	...	...	...	31
1,	323	...	...	1	58	...	...	...	32
1,	263	...	...	1	48	...	...	...	33
1,	207	...	...	1	34	...	...	...	34
1,	154	...	...	1	29	...	...	...	35
1,	104	...	...	1	19	...	...	...	36
1,	056	...	...	1	08	...	...	...	37
1,	0118	...	...	1	08	...	...	...	38

				Pounds.	Ounces.					Grains.
o, 969	...	...	...	—	15 $\frac{1}{2}$	...	...	...		39
o, 928	...	...	...	—	14 $\frac{3}{4}$	...	...	...		40
o, 89	...	...	...	—	14 $\frac{1}{2}$	...	...	...		41
o, 853	...	...	...	—	13 $\frac{3}{8}$	...	...	...		42
o, 818	...	...	...	—	13	...	...	...		43
o, 785	...	...	...	—	12 $\frac{1}{2}$	...	...	...		44
o, 753	...	...	...	—	12	...	...	..		45
o, 722	...	...	...	—	11 $\frac{1}{2}$	To one pound of Lead makes				46
o, 693		or		—	11					47
o, 665	...	...	...	—	10 $\frac{3}{8}$					48
o, 638	...	...	...	—	10 $\frac{1}{8}$	...	...	...		49
o, 612	...	...	...	—	9 $\frac{3}{4}$	...	...	...		50
o, 587	...	...	...	—	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	...	...	...		51
o, 564	...	...	...	—	9	...	...	...		52
o, 540	...	...	...	—	8 $\frac{5}{8}$	...	...	...		53
o, 519	...	...	...	—	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	...	...	...		54
o, 500	...	...	...	—	8	...	...	...		55

Explanation of the Table.

The Column of figures on the Left hand Contains Integers and Decimals—The figures in the Middle Express, the Same Weight in pounds, Ounces and parts of an Ounce as the word Or is intended to Denote—The figures on the Right hand beginning with 1 and ending at 55 shew how many Grains such a Quantity of Tin mixed with a pound of Lead Exceeds the Weight of y^e Tin Essay.

Example.

How much Tin must be mixed with one pound of Lead to make 3 Grains—

Cast your Eye upon Number 3, of y^e figures on the Right hand (intituled Grains) and you will find against it amongst the figures in the Middle $\frac{6}{20}$ $\frac{oz}{34}$ and in the Column on the left 20, 42.

Ordered [8th October] that a Message be sent to M^r James Nicholson pewterer to his present Majesty King George to give him Notice to take up his freedom of this Company.

Paid for 2 Gross of Pipes 4 s.

1730-1. ~~The~~ Master [Mr. John Elderton] Represented to the Court [23rd September] that he should by reason of his publick office in the City of London be necessarily absent from some of the Courts of this Company that he desired that M^r Matthews might in such cases officiate in his Room.

A statement of account between the Ironmongers' Company and the Companies associated with them in the revenues for the Irish lands states that the property was at Carnaugh about eighteen miles from Londonderry. "In it are two boggs containing 600 acres, the biggest being 400 may be drained and made good ground. It was lately set for 12000 pounds fine and 270 pounds p annu." (3. 195a.)

Paid to Watchman, Dustman, Marshall of Train Bands & Plumbers Men for Christmas Box Money by M^r Meddows 5 s.

This is the first mention of Christmas boxes. The previous year's Accounts show a payment of 3s. in May to the Watchman, Dustman, and Marshal "for the Hall."

1731-2. ~~Samuel Clarke~~ a Cork Cutter took upon him the Cloathing [12th October] and paid £20.

1732-3. ~~The~~ Question being put [21st June] that the Quarter Search immediately preceeding the Election of Master and Wardens be omitted for the future and that the Livery be invited to Dinner on the Day of Election. It passed in the affirmative.

Mr. Calvert Brewer in White Cross Street for the 3. Dagger Ale House £34.

This was one of the Company's houses in Gregory Alley, and its tenancy passed to Mr. Calvert in 1724.

1733-4. Ordered (21st March) that one shilling be allowed each Assistant who shall attend at every Quarter Search of Beams, Weights, and Ware.

Resolved [same Court] that all pewter wares ought to be Touch^d before they go out of the Hammers man's hand.

It was agreed on 1st August that "seven principall Colours belonging to the Company be made new."

The Company sold, on 19th November, 500*l.* of their Bank Stock to Mr. Deputy Cleeve for 750*l.*

1734-5. **Ordered** [9th October] that the present Master and Wardens the late Master and Wardens M^r Parker M^r Deputy Cleeve and M^r Eden be a Committee to Settle and transact all such Affairs of the Companys as shall from time to time be referred to them.

This is the first appointment of a Standing Committee.

1735-6. The Yeomanry continued to attend upon summons at the Election Court in August when the Charter was read, and announcements affecting the whole Company were made by the Master, the Yeomanry withdrawing before the election proceeded.

1737-8. The Company were summoned before the Court of Aldermen for not having a stand on Lord Mayor's Day. The Court ordered them to attend on next Lord Mayor's Day when "propper Ground should be appointed by the Citty Surveyor." (Minute of 14th December.)

Fee for Assistants' early attendance at Court meetings raised (same Court) from 1*s.* to 2*s.* 6*d.*

1738-9. At the Election Court on 9th August only three Liverymen attended, and it was ordered that the absentees of the Livery should be fined 2*s.* 6*d.* each, and those of the Yeomanry 1*s.* each.

Ordered [17th October] that no Quarteridge be Collected from the Journey Men till they Bind make Free Strike Touch or Turnover when such Persons so coming shall Pay all Arrears of Quarteridge.

Ordered [same Court] that no Quarteridge be Collected in August yearly Commonly Called the 5th Quarter.

1739-40. **This** Court takeing into Consideration the Severity of the Season have Ordered [26th January] the Sum of Fifty Pounds to be Distributed to the Poor of this Company.

Mr Murray was Summoned [19th June] to take the Cloathing but for his Misbehavior to the Court was Refused and Ordered to behave better for the Future.

1740-1. A Committee reported on 24th September that nothing could be done to prevent country pewterers from striking "London" and "Made in London" on their ware, without application to Parliament.

Ordered [17th December] that 250 Books being abstracts of the several Acts of Parliament relating to pewterers and Brasiers be forthwith printed.

These Acts were originally procured, after much effort on the part of the Company, more than two centuries before. See Vol. I, pp. 128 and 147.

1742-3. **This** Court [15th February] was Call'd by the desire of Mr Common Cryer in Order to make M^{rs} Mary Cleeve and M^{rs} Elizth Cleeve free of the Company.

These ladies were the daughters of Mr. Deputy Alexander Cleeve, who was Master in 1719 and 1727.

The Company having been summoned before the Court of Aldermen for not appearing in their Stand on last Lord Mayor's Day, the Court ordered on 15th December that enquiry be made "where the Company's Stand was heretofore usually Placed or Put up."

1744-5. The Chamberlain having been consulted by order of the Court on two points in relation to apprenticeship, his opinion was reported on 21st March as follows. (1.) "That a Master by his Oath could not give his Apprentice Wages and the Apprentice forfeits thereby his Freedom; And (2.) that the Company had a Power to Turnover an Apprentice to a Master that was not of the same Company."

On the 1st May the Court ordered the Counsel's opinion be taken as to the right of the Company to search any ship lying in the Thames for pewter "not sufficiently made and wrought." The Case as drawn up by the Clerk, together with the Attorney General's opinion, was reported to the Court on 30th May and entered at length on the minutes. The Attorney General gave it as his opinion that the Company had power to search "vessels lying within the City or Suburbs or in any other port within any other Burroughs or Towns," but he did not apprehend that the whole of the River Thames was within the City and Suburbs. Also that defective pewter could not be seized on board ship unless in the possession of the maker or seller, "but y^e Maker will be lyable to forfeit the value of them upon an Information brought for that purpose against him in the Exchequer."

On 2nd July upon the petition of William Paskin, the Company's Beadle, he was permitted to surrender up his Freedom and be disfranchised from the Company.

Ordered [12th December] that M^r Meddoms have the Thanks of the Court for his offer of making a present to the Company of a pair of Iron Gates to the Hall to be properly fixed so as not to Annoy or hinder the Company upon their Marches [and] kept constantly Shut for the preservation of the Companys [and M^r Meddoms'] property.

1745-6. **Ordered** [25th February] that the Master & Wardens do pay in the Summe of ffifty pounds into the Bank of England in pursuance of the Call of the Bank of 10^l per Cent^y upon their Stock.

1746-7. **Ordered** [20th January] that the following Advertizement be incerted in one or more of the publick papers and Signed by the Clerk of the Company, viz'. Whereas an Advertizement was incerted in the Dayly Advertiser of the 6th and 7th Instant highly reflecting on the present Master of the Pewterers Company without the least ffoundation It is Ordered That the Author printer and publisher of the said adverstisem^{ts} be prosecuted for y^e same at y^e Company's Expence.

Mr. Jenour, the printer of the *Daily Advertiser*, attended the Court on 6th May, when he made due submission and apologies, and paid all expenses incurred.

The Committee appointed to consider as to the sizes and weights of wares reported on 13th March with a full list, which was ordered on 24th September, 1747, to be printed. It differs considerably in sizes and descriptions from the list noticed on pp. 147-9 of this volume.

The same Committee reported upon Touches, and the following Bye Law based upon their recommendation was passed on 25th June:— That all . . . wares capable of a large Touch shall be touched with a large Touch with the Christian Name and Sirname either of the Maker or Vendor at full length in plain Roman Letters. And . . . Small Wares shall be touched with the Small Touch [with a penalty of one penny per pound for default]. The Committee also advised "That Each Member of the Court of Assistants shall be at Liberty to take ffour Apprentices Each Liveryman Three apprentices and every other ffreeman two apprentices."

1747-8. Ordered [13th October] that Thomas Burford and James Green be at liberty to strike their Touches together upon producing their Copys of their ffreedom to the Master or the Clerk.

On 15th December a memorial was presented to the Court from the Livery protesting against the admission of one Theodore Sydenham to the Freedom and Livery on the ground of his being a foreigner and not having served an apprenticeship to the trade.

Sydenham appears to have been in partnership with a pewterer named Nicholson, lately deceased. The Court was inclined to admit Mr. Sydenham "in the interest of the Company," but in compliance with the wish of the Livery, they not only refused him the Freedom (22nd June, 1749) but proceeded against him for carrying on the trade of a pewterer, a course which involved them in a tedious and costly law suit.

paid Paskin for Nosegays 15 s.

This was for 17th August, the Election Day, and is the first mention of the practice of carrying flowers.

paid for beating out the Bruises of 32 dozen of plates belonging to the Hall 16 s.

1749-50. *Ordered* [13th December] that Charles Puckle Maxey be at Liberty to strike his Touch of the pellican and Globe instead of the Touch late James Kings.

1750-1. *Ordered* [20th March] that William Paskin the Beadle be restored to his freedom and he took the Oath of a freeman accordingly. See under date of 2nd July, 1745, *ante*, p. 192.

1752. Owing to the alteration in the Calendar the new year now began on January the first, Lord Mayor's Day being on 9th November instead of 29th October.

1754. A report was presented on 17th January by a Committee of the whole Court with various suggestions for retrenchment in expenses, especially in entertainments at Searches; they recommended *inter alia* that the "Herring Feast" (in October) should be continued, but that all fines for trade offences should be paid into the hands of the Renter Warden.

A Committee was appointed on 17th October "to prevent any moulds being sent abroad for the future." They reported on 14th November that they could not find there was any law which prohibited the exportation of moulds. They considered "that the present Duty which is now paid upon Tin exported is so very small and the Workmanship in foreign parts so cheap that should Foreigners be permitted to supply themselves from time to time with Moulds and other proper Tools and Utensils from England, they would soon render it impracticable for very little if any of English Pewter to be vended in foreign Markets." They therefore suggested as a remedy that the Company should petition the Legislature to raise the duty on all tin exported.

Ordered [14th November] that Mess^{rs} Bouchier & Richard Cleeve be permitted to dispose of twelve Dozen of Scaloped raised Brim Plates and Dishes in Proportion without any other Touch than their Silver Touch.

1755. On the 10th February the Committee reported upon precedents for an application to Parliament respecting an increased duty on the export of tin. The report is lengthy and covers the period subsequent

to the year 1698. It shows that the Company had never yet been successful in such an application, but advises that a fresh attempt be made in view of "the Difference of times and Circumstances." The Committee were ordered to continue their labours and to prepare a "Case of the Manufacturers of Pewter in the Kingdom of England." The "Case" is entered at length on the minutes of the next Court (25th February). It states that the duty on tin was then 3*s.* per cwt., and the Court ordered that the additional duty sought for shou'd be at least 7*s.* per cwt.

1756. At the General Court on 18th March the Master charged the members of the Company "not to employ persons that had not taken up their Freedoms." Several offences of this kind had lately occurred, showing a tendency of the trade to break away from the Company's control.

Paid at Putney Bowling Green with the Master and Committee 9*s.*

1757. An interesting report from a Committee on the finances of the Company, with schedules of average income and expenditure was presented on 22nd March. The normal income was 595*l.*, and the expenditure 575*l.* 9*s.* 10*d.*, the Committee recommending a saving of 50*l.* annually to provide a wider margin of excess of income. The suggested economies include reduced payments to stewards of the Lord Mayor's Day feast, lower fees for attendance on Searches, and a voluntary surrender by the Clerk of ten pounds of his annual salary, until the Company's obligations were reduced. A standing Committee (not including the Master and Wardens) was appointed to check excessive expenditure in the future.

1758. **Mr William Fasson** was [16th March] made free of the Company [by patrimony] and took the Oath of a Freeman in the Parlour.

Ordered that the said William Fasson be admitted to strike his Touch so soon as he hath taken up his freedom of the City and not before.

Mr Fasson was then admitted upon the Livery of the Company and was clothed in the Parlour and paid his fine to the Warden . £20

1759. *Ordered* [15th March] that all Candle Moulds shall be made of fine Metal for the future & that all [found upon Search] worse than Plate or shall want the Initial Letters of the Maker's Name on the Head of the Mould shall be brought to the Hall to be defaced.

paid Expenses of the Herring Feast [3rd October] & at London Stone Coffee House 8l. 10d.

1760. On 19th June Richard Smith failed to attend his summons "for his Dyall Plates being 10 Grains worse their lay and his Funeral [? plates] three Grains worse."

Upon the Representation of the livery [same Court] that there was a Combination Carrying on by the Journeymen to raise their Wages, and to work only when they pleased The Court promised to take it into Consideration in what manner to remedy the Evil Complained of

paid two Punch Bowls and Six punch Ladles 5 s. 9 d.

The first mention of this beverage.

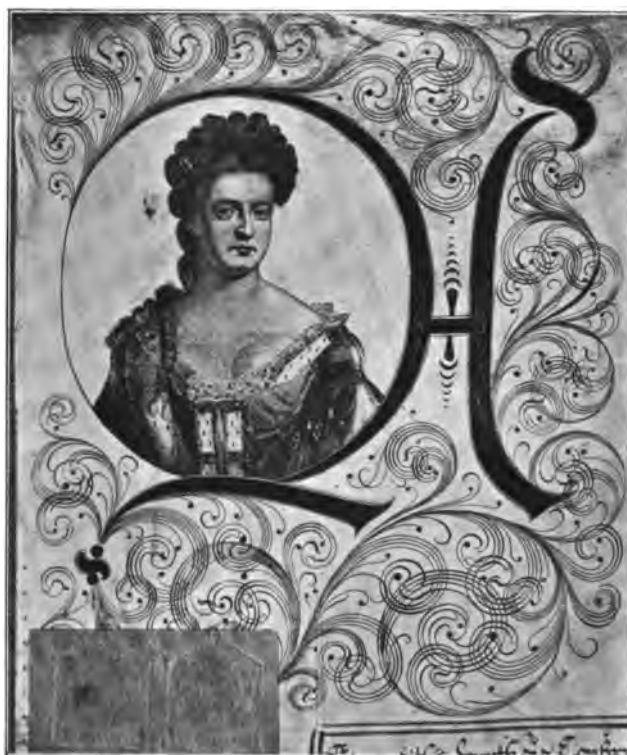
paid for a large Punch Bowl 3 s.

paid 120 Yards of Ribbon for Lord Mayor's day for Dressing the Caps and favours 3 l. 13 s. 6 d.

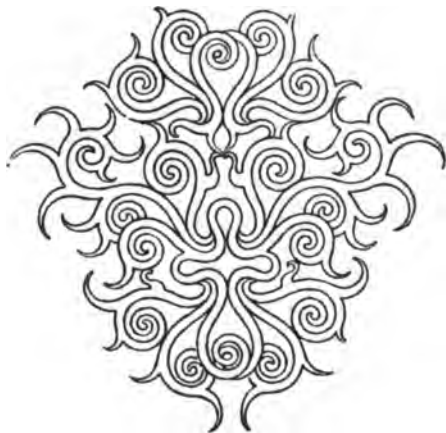
The story of the Pewterers' Company, as told from their own records, must here for the present be brought to a close. It will be seen in the above pages that the records of the early half of the eighteenth century yield a rapidly diminishing quantity of material. I am quite satisfied, however, that the Company's books for another century would amply repay the same careful examination which has been given to those from the earliest times to the year 1760.

Comparatively few pages would suffice to chronicle the history of this later period, although the time occupied in selecting the material

would necessarily be disproportionate to the quantity of information obtained. No good result would follow an attempt to scamp the later history, and such an attempt would be totally inconsistent with the plan of the work as laid down in the preface to the first volume.



INITIAL LETTER OF QUEEN ANNE'S CHARTER, 1702.





APPENDIX I.

The First Charter granted by King Edward IV in 1473.

ORIGINAL IN LATIN.

EDWARD by the Grace of God King of England and France and Lord of Ireland *To all* to whom these presents shall come Greeting *Knowe* *Yee* that We of our Especial Grace certain Knowledge and meer Motion Have Granted and Given Lycence for us and our Heirs as much as in us Lyeth to our Welbeloved Subjects Peter Busshop William Large and Thomas Langtofte Freemen of the Mistery of Pewterers of our City of London, that they or any or either of them to the Praise Glory and Honour of God and of the most Glorious Virgin Mary his Mother may make found and Establish a certain Fraternity or perpetual Guild to remain to all Futurity of One Master Two Wardens and Commonaltie of the Freemen of the Mistery of Pewterers now dwelling or about to dwell within the said City of London or the Suburbs thereof and of the Brothers and Sisters of the Freemen of the same Mistery and of others who of their own pleasure are willing to be of the same Fraternity or Guild within the said City. And that they the said Master Wardens and Commonalty shall for ever be One Body and one Community Incorporated In deed and in Name of Master Wardens and Commonalty. And that they shall be persons fitt and capable in Law of Acquiring and Holding in Fee and Perpetuity Lands Tenements Rents Services and all other Possessions whatsoever of whatsoever person or persons willing to Give

Devise Grant or Assign the same to them ~~To haVe~~ and to hold to the said Master Wardens and Commonalty and their Successors for ever And that they shall have perpetual Succession and a Common Seale for the Service of the Business of the said Mistery and Fraternity or Guild for ever And that they the said Master Wardens and Commonalty by the Name of the Master Wardens and Commonalty of the Mistery of Pewterers of the City of London may plead and be impleaded in any Courts or Places before any Justices or Judges in any Actions Suits Pleas Plaints and Demands whatsoever of whatsoever Kind or Nature they shall be And that the said Commonaltie to Wit the Freemen of the said Mistery whensoever they will may Elect and make of themselves according to an Ordinance by them to be made for that purpose One Master and two Wardens to Support or carry on their Business & the Matters touching the Mistery & Fraternity or Guild aforesaid And that they the said Master and Wardens for the time being shall have full power and Authority to Survey Rule and Govern the said Commonalty and Mistery and all men Occupying the same and all Servants Stuffs Workmanships and Merchandizes whatsoever belonging or appertaining to the said Mistery within the said City and Suburbs thereof and to correct or cause to be corrected the Defects of them according to their Discretions And that the said Master Wardens and Commonalty and their Successors may make and Ordain Honest and reasonable Ordinances and Constitutions for the good rule and Government of the said Mistery as often as they shall please and it shall be needfull without any Impeachment Impediment or Agreivance of us our Heirs the Justices Mayors Sherriffs Escheators Bailiffs Constables or other the Officers or Ministers of us or of our said Heirs whatsoever. **And Further** of our more abundant grace we have Granted and by these presents Do Grant to the aforesaid Master Wardens and Commonalty and to their Successors for ever that they the said Master and Wardens of the Mystery aforesaid for the time being shall for ever have a search and Government of all manner of Workmanships and Merchandizes belonging or appertaining to the said Mystery wrought or to be wrought and Exposed to Sale within the said City and the

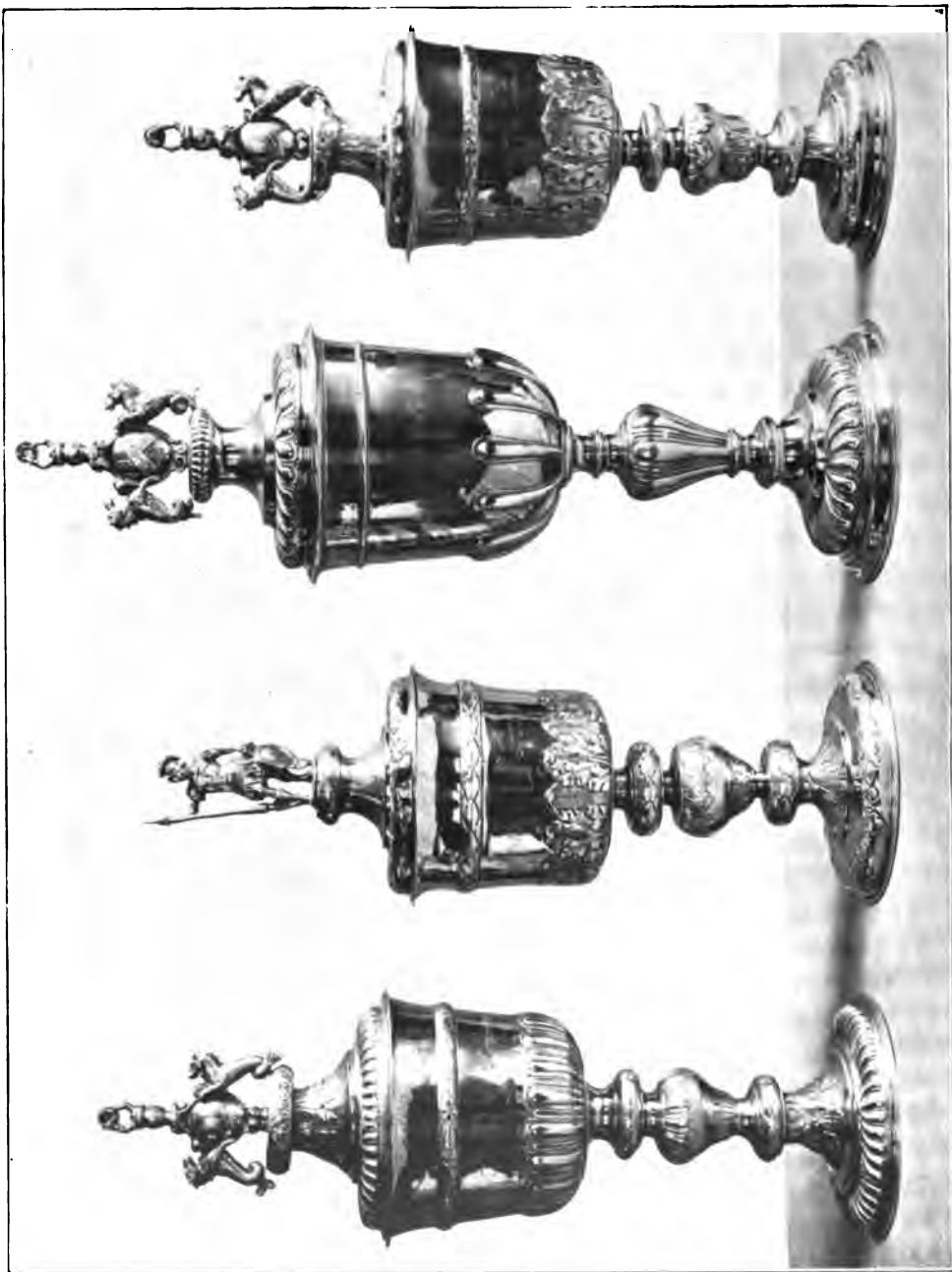
Suburbs thereof and in any other places whatsoever without the said City throughout our whole Kingdom of England and (if it shall be necessary) to Punish and Correct the Defects of the said Workmanships and Merchandizes by them found and to be found according to the quantity of the same Defects. **And Moreover** we have Granted and by these Presents Do Grant to the aforesaid Master Wardens and Commonalty of the Mystery aforesaid for the time being that they the said Master and Wardens for the time being may have full Power for ever to make and Exercise due Search of all and singular the premisses and of all and singular the Workmanships or Works touching or concerning the said Mystery as well over the Men of the said Mystery as any other Workmen belonging or appertaining to the said Mystery in selling making or working as well within the said City of London and the Suburbs thereof and other places whatsoever without the said City throughout our whole Kingdom of England as aforesaid and to seize take and carry away as forfeited all manner of Deceitfull and unjust Workmanships and Merchandizes belonging or appertaining to the said Mystery by them the said Master and Wardens or either of them in their Searches found out or discovered made or exposed to sale or to be exposed to Sale or Wrought to deceive the people to Witt out of such fforfeitures so to be found One Moyety of such fforfeiture shall be altogether Converted To the use and Behoof of us and our Heires And the other Moyety of the said fforfeiture To the use and Behoof of them the said Master Wardens and Commonalty of the said Mystery and of their Successors and to punish and correct (if need shall require) the Sellers of such Merchandizes and the Workers of the said Workmanships according to their Demerits at the Discretions of them the said Master and Wardens for the time being and of making the said Search for the time as often as the said Master and Wardens for the time being shall think necessary and convenient. **And Furthermore** we strictly command all and singular Mayors Sheriffs Bailiffs Stewards and other Officers whatsoever as well within the said City aforesaid and the Suburbs thereof as without in other places where the said search shall happen to be made that they be overlooking

Councelling and Assisting diligently in everything the said Master and Wardens and every of them for the time being making such search in the Exercise and Execution of the premises The Statute of Mortmain or any other Statute Act or Ordinance made published or Ordained Or any other thing Cause or Matter whatsoever to the contrary Notwithstanding. **In Witness** whereof we have caused these our Letters to be made patent **Witness** myself at Westminster the Twentieth day of January in the thirteenth year of our Reign.

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By writ of Privy Seal and of the date aforesaid by Authority of Parliament.





LOVING CUPS IN THE POSSESSION OF THE PEWTERERS' COMPANY.



APPENDIX II.

List of Master and Wardens.

(NOTE.—This list has been compiled, and the spelling of the names adopted, from the annual series of Master and Wardens' Accounts. In the earliest period where the spelling varies considerably, the most usual form of the name has been selected and consistently retained).

DATE.	MASTER.		WARDENS.
1450	William Baker	John Coldham	William Crowde
1451	John Grigge	John Rendale	Stephen Aunsell
1452	Piers Bishop	Robert Chamberleyn	William Eyre
1453	John Turnour	Richard Lawton	William Eyre
1454	John Rendale	William Crowde	John Goodale
1455	John Guss	Stephen Aunsell	William Large
1456	John Coldham	Robert Chamberleyn	Thomas Page
1457	John Goodale	William Eyre	John Parys
1458	Robert Chamberleyn	William Smalwood	Stephen Todd
1459	John Rendale	William Large	Thomas Page
1460	William Eyre	John Dottowe	Thomas Smythe
1461	Piers Bishop	John Parys	John Pypond
1462	John Rendale	Thomas Page	William Smalwood
1463	William Crowde	William Large	John Whitehede
1464	William Eyre	Stephen Todd	John Pypond
1465	John Coldham	William Smalwood	Nicholas Walker
1466	Robert Chamberleyn	Thomas Page	Symkyn Drayton
1467	John Parys	Stephen Todd	William Wilby
1468	William Eyre	Thomas Langtoft	Thomas Godelok
1469	William Smalwood	William Large	Richard Halle
1470	William Crowde	Thomas Page	John Whitehede

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1471	William Eyre	William Welbey	John Dounton
1472	Piers Bishop	William Large	Thomas Langtoft
1473	William Crowde	Nicholas Walker	John Cardynall
1474	William Crowde	William Welbey	Thomas Haryson
1475	William Eyre	John Whitehede	John Vyncent
1476	John Parys	Thomas Haryson	William Sexteyn
1477	William Smalwood	William Large	Thomas Jakson
1478	Thomas Langtoft	Thomas Dounton	Richard Magson
1479	Piers Bishop	William Sexteyn	Thomas Alexander
1480	John Parys	John Cardynall	John Whytyng
1481	William Smalwood	Thomas Dounton	William Elice
1482	William Sexteyn	Richard Magson	William Chalke
1483	Thomas Haryson	John Vyncent	Walter Walsh
1484	John Parys	William Welbey	Thomas Alexander
1485	William Sexteyn	Thomas Jakson	Thomas Nassh
1486	William Smalwood	Walter Walsh	Robert Turnour
1487	William Welbey	William Elice	Lawrence Astlyn
1488	Thomas Alexander	Thomas Jakson	John Cave
1489	Thomas Alexander	Walter Walsh	John Hyndson
1490	William Sexteyn	William Elice	William Marshall
1491	William Sexteyn	Robert Turnour	Lawrence Astlyn
1492	Thomas Jakson	John Cave	William Pecok
1493	Thomas Jakson	John Hyndson	Robert Turnour
1494	William Welbey	Lawrence Astlyn	William Marshall
1495	Thomas Alexander	Thomas Nasshe	John Afferton
1496	William Sexteyn	John Cave	John Wilson
1497	Lawrence Astlyn	William Marshall	John Thurgood
1498	William Welbey	Robert Turnour	William Pecok
1499	Thomas Alexander	John Hyndson	Robert Langtoft
1500	William Marshall	John Afferton	Thomas Chamberleyne
1501	William Marshall	John Afferton	Thomas Chamberleyne
1502	William Sexteyn	John Wilson	John Magson
1503	William Sexteyn	John Thurgood	William Pecke
1504	Laurence Astlyn	William Pecok	Thomas Owlawe

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1505	Laurence Astlyn	William Pecok Robert Langtoft
1506	William Marshall	John Afferton Thomas Pecok
1507	William Marshall	Thomas Chamberleyne William Rowe
1508	Laurence Astlyn	John Magson Peter Curtys
1509	Laurence Astlyn	Robert Langtoft Richard Taylor
1510	William Pecok	Thomas Chamberleyne William Callie
1511	William Pecok	Thomas Pecok Paul Alexander
1512	William Marshall	William Crowe William Jakson
1513	John Burton	John Magson John Baxter
1514	John Burton	Peter Curtys John Astlyn
1515	Laurence Astlyn	Richard Taylor Thomas Husthwaite
1516	Laurence Astlyn	Paul Alexander Thomas Urswyke
1517	Thomas Chamberleyne	John Baxter Nicholas Langtoft
1518	Thomas Chamberleyne	Thomas Pecok Walter Astlyn
1519	Robert Langtoft	William Crowe John Rowdon
1520	Robert Langtoft	Richard Taylor Thomas Yew
1521	Laurence Astlyn	Thomas Hustwaite William Hill
1522	Laurence Astlyn	Peter Curtys William Hutchin
1523	John Magson	Thomas Urswyke Richard Crosthwaite
1524	Richard Taylor	Nicholas Langtoft Thomas Curtis
1525	Peter Curtys	Walter Astlyn John Wynslaye
1526	Thomas Chamberleyne	John Roydon John Cary
1527	Laurence Astlyn	John Stod John Rentston
1528	William Crowe	John Baxter John Sherwyn
1529	Richard Taylor	Thomas Jann Nicolas Willis
1530	John Stode	Thomas Urswyke Richard Crosthwaite
1531	John Baxter	Walter Astlyn John Cary
1532	Thomas Chamberleyne	John Roydon John Rentston
1533	Thomas Urswyke	Thomas Jann Thomas Fowl
1534	Walter Astlyn	Nicholas Mills John Everard
1535	Thomas Jann	John Sherwyn Robert Taylor
1536	Thomas Chamberleyne	Thomas Hustwaite Stephen Hawkyngs
1537	John Stood	John Cary Clement Kellyngworth
1538	Thomas Curtis	Nicholas Mills William Husthwaite

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1539	Thomas Curtis	William Hustwaite	Thomas Machyn
1540	Thomas Urswyke	John Sherwyn	John Day
1541	Richard Crosthwaite	Thomas Fowl	Henry Clark
1542	Richard Crosthwaite	Robert Taylor	Philip Bennet
1543	John Cary	Stephen Hawkins	Thomas Clarke
1544	John Cary	Clement Kellyngworth	Edward Catcher
1545	Thomas Curtis	William Hustwaite	John Royston
1546	Thomas Curtis	John Day	Edward Catcher
1547	John Sherwin	Robert Taylor	Thomas Blackwell
1548	William Hustwaite	Henry Clark	Nicholas Peck
1549	William Hustwaite	John Day	Thomas Wooddowe
1550	Richard Crosthwaite	Clement Kellyngworth	Stephen Rowlandson
1551	Robert Taylor	John Royston	Nicholas Crosthwaite
1552	John Cary	Henry Clarke	Michael Heythwaite
1553	Clement Kellyngworth	Michael Heythwaite	William Baker
1554	John Day	Thomas Woodhouse	Walter Makyns
1555	Henry Clark	John Royston	Simon Ponder
1556	Edward Catcher	Stephen Rowlandson	William Haynes
1557	Edward Catcher	Nicholas Crosthwaite	William Mills
1558	John Royston	William Baker	William Curtys
1559	William Hustwaite	Nicholas Crosthwaite	John Gerye
1560	John Day	William Haynes	Edward Reo
1561	Edward Catcher	William Mills	Nicholas Turner
1562	John Royston	William Curtis	Richard Scot
1563	Stephen Rowlandson	John Gerye	Thomas Allen
1564	William Mills	Edward Reo	William Loton
1565	Thomas Woodhouse	Thomas Allen	Thomas Hassell
1566	William Curtis	Thomas Allen	Allen Gardener
1567	John Gerye	William Loton	Thomas Elliot
1568	William Mills	Thomas Nogay	Robert Chawner
1569	William Curtis	John Mathew	William Redman
1570	John Gerye	Allen Gardener	Robert Crosswell
1571	William Mills	William Loton	Henry Abram
1572	Thomas Allen	Thomas Elliot	John Sherwyn

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1573	William Curtis	Robert Chawner	Roger Farthing
1574	John Gerye	William Redman	Boniface Foster
1575	Thomas Allen	Thomas Nogay	John Boulting
1576	William Curtis	Allen Gardener	John Jackson
1577	William Curtis	Thomas Elliot	John Barker
1578	Allen Gardener	John Sherwyn	Ralph Stray
1579	{ Thomas Elliot } { William Curtis }	Thomas Nogay	Thomas Hawk
1580	Thomas Nogay	Robert Chawner	Thomas Wood
1581	Thomas Allen	John Catcher	Percival Gascar
1582	Edward Reo	Ralph Stray	William Mears
1583	William Curtis	John Catcher	John Norton
1584	Thomas Allen	John Jackson	Thomas Catcher
1585	John Catcher	John Barker	Thomas Mansworth
1586	William Curtis	Thomas Wood	John Crowson
1587	Ralph Stray	John Jackson	Richard Perkins
1588	Edward Reo	Thomas Hawk	John Clyffe
1589	John Jackson	Percival Gascar	William Wood
1590	Ralph Stray	Thomas Wood	John Steward
1591	Abraham Hartwell	Percival Gascar	William Hummerstone
1592	Thomas Wood	William Mears	Walter Hill
1593	Percival Gascar	Richard Perkins	Richard King
1594	Ralph Stray	John Clyffe	William Hill
1595	Abraham Hartwell	John Steward	Alexander Barnadyne
1596	Thomas Wood	Walter Hill	Philip Goodman
1597	Percival Gascar	John Clyffe	Ambrose Royston
1598	William Mears	Walter Hill	James Draper
1599	John Clyff	William Hill	Richard Glover
1600	John Steward	George Roaffe	Nicholas Collier
1601	Walter Hill	Philip Goodman	{ Roger Hawkesford } { Thomas Cowes }
1602	John Cliffe	William Hill	Robert Shephard
1603	John Steward	Thomas Elliot	Richard Stevenson
1604	Thomas Elliot	Nicholas Collier	Hugh Newton

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1605	Thomas Donning	Thomas Cowes	Roger Glover
1606	Richard Glover	Nicholas Turner	John Cowdwell
1607	John Cliffe	Robert Shephard	Nicholas Bowyar
1608	John Steward	Richard Stevenson	Leonard Singleton
1609	Lewis Randall	Ambrose Royston	Thomas Parrat
1610	Thomas Donning	Hugh Newton	William Smackergill
1611	Richard Glover	Roger Glover	William Hurdman
1612	John Wood	John Cowdwell	Ralph Powell
1613	Lewis Randall	Robert Shephard	Thomas Wicherley
1614	Thomas Donning	Richard Stevenson	Andrew Fulham
1615	Roger Glover	Leonard Singleton	George Chester
1616	Hugh Newton	Peter Brocklesby	Thomas Smith
1617	Thomas Donning	John Cowdwell	Thomas Dunning
1618	John Wood	Richard Staples	John Heath
1619	Robert Shephard	Leonard Singleton	Robert Burton
1620	John Cowdwell	William Hurdman	Edward Glover
1621	Hugh Newton	Ralph Powell	John Child
1622	William Hurdman	Thomas Wicherley	John Fulham
1623	Richard Staples	John Smyth	John Robins
1624	William Hurdman	George Chester	Randell Groome
1625	William Hurdman	Hugh Hill	Robert Butcher
1626	Thomas Wicherley	Toby Steward	Henry Cowes
1627	Thomas Wicherley	Gabriel Butcher	Oliver Roberts
1628	George Chester	Dawkins Pollicargus	William Grainger
1629	Peter Brocklesby	Thomas Smith	Francis Graves
1630	Tobias Steward	Thomas Burt	Thomas Cliffe
1631	Thomas Smith	Gabriel Butcher	Henry Sweeting
1632	Thomas Smith	John Child	Peter Mathews
1633	Gabriel Butcher	John Fulham	William Siar
1634	George Chester	John Child	Robert Mullins
1635	Gabriel Butcher	Robert Butcher	Robert Leeson
1636	William Hills	Peter Brocklesby	Henry Cowes
1637	John Fulham	Oliver Roberts	John Brooks
1638	John Robins	William Grainger	Polidor Pritchard

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1639	Robert Butcher	Thomas Cliffe
1640	Henry Cowes	Henry Sweeting
1641	William Hills	William Siar
1642	John Fullham	Robert Mullins
1643	John Child	Robert Leeson
1644	Oliver Roberts	Polidor Pritchard
1645	Henry Cowes	Thomas Hull
1646	Henry Sweeting	Michael Newman
1647	Robert Mullins	James Philips
1648	Robert Leeson	Thomas Carter
1649	Polidor Pritchard	William Archer
1650	Thomas Hull	John Bird
1651	James Philips	George Meggot
1652	Michael Newman	Thomas Butcher
1653	William Archer	John Jarrett
1654	John Bird	John Major
1655	George Meggot	John Silk
1656	John Jarrett	Edward Heath
1657	John Major	Robert Austin
1658	John Silk	Thomas Jackson
1659	Robert Austen	John Sweeting
1660	Thomas Jackson	Edward Gilbert
1661	John Sweeting	John Jacob
1662	Edward Gilbert	Ralph Marsh
1663	John Jacob	Nicholas Kelk
1664	Tobias Knowles	Robert Lucas
1665	Nicholas Kelk	William Rawlins
1666	Thomas Haward	Peter Parke
1667	Robert Lucas	Michael Newman
1668	William Rawlins	John Bateman
1669	Peter Parke	Lawrence Dyer
1670	John Bateman	Robert Moulins
1671	Thomas Gregg	William Adams
1672	Peter Duffield	William Hill
		Thomas Hills
		Michael Newman
		John Momford
		James Philips
		Ralph Mears
		Thomas Carter
		Thomas Butcher
		William Archer
		George Meggot
		John Byrd
		John Jarret
		John Major
		Robert Austen
		John Silk
		John Bennett
		Edward Gilbert
		John Jacob
		John Seeling
		Ralph Marsh
		Thomas Howard
		Robert Lucas
		Richard Mellett
		William Rawlins
		Michael Newman
		John Bateman
		Peter Duffield
		John Drury
		Robert Marten
		Anthony Mayor
		Henry Perris
		John Bennett
		William Jones
		Ralph Hull
		Benjamin Cole

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1673	John Drury	Henry Perris	Samuel Jackson
1674	{ Robert Martin } { Thomas Gregg }	John Bennett	William Pettiver
1675	Lawrence Dyer	John Leeson	William Burton
1676	Robert Moulins	William Jones	John Campion
1677	Thomas Gregg	Ralph Hull	Richard Chesslin
1678	Henry Perris	Samuel Jackson	Robert Adams
1679	John Bennett	William Pettiver	Richard Mason
1680	John Leeson	William Burton	Adam Langley
1681	{ Samuel Snow } { Nicholas Kelk }	John Campion	Daniel Ingole
1682	Ralph Hull	Richard Chesslin	William Dyer
1683	Benjamin Cole	Robert Adams	Robert Gisberne
1684	Samuel Jackson	John Mann	Stephen Lawrence
1685	William Burton	James Kelk	Thomas Stone
1686	Nicholas Kelk	William Mathews	Abraham King
1687	James Kelk	Thomas Stone	Christopher Raper
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	Samuel Jackson	John Mann	John Emes
1688	{ James Kelk } { Peter Duffield }	Daniel Ingole	Christopher Raper
1689	{ William Mathews } { Robert Moulins }	Robert Gisberne	Gabriel Redhead
1690	Samuel Jackson	Thomas Stone	William Cowley
1691	Robert Gisberne	Abraham King	Robert Wood
1692	Thomas Stone	Christopher Raper	Daniel Barton
1693	Abraham King	William Cowley	Michael Hartshorne
1694	Christopher Raper	Richard Heath	Richard Fletcher
1695	William Cowley	Thomas Templeman	Anthony Redhead
1696	William Paxton	John Emes	Richard Smith
1697	Thomas Templeman	John Allen	Thomas Ridding
1698	Thomas Hicks	Robert Wood	Thomas Hickling
1699	Richard Heath	Daniel Barton	Thomas Clark
1700	{ John Emes } { Samuel Jackson }	William Howard	Edward Trahern

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1701	Robert Wood	Richard Fletcher	Thomas Watterer
1702	William Howard	Richard Smith	John Kenton
1703	John Dyer	Benjamin Cooper	John Dove
1704	Thomas Taylor	Hugh Quick	Samuel Hancock
1705	Richard Smith	John Hulls	Alexander Cleeve
1706	Thomas Powell	Thomas Clark	Joseph Pratt
1707	Thomas Powell	Edward Trahern	Thomas Tidmarsh
1708	Hugh Quick	Anthony James	Jacob Hasselborn
1709	John Hulls	Thomas Watterer	Joseph King
1710	John Fryer	Daniel Parker	John Lawrence
1711	Thomas Clark	John Kenton	Edward Randall
1712	Edward Trahern	John Jackson	John Shorey
1713	Anthony James	{ John Dove } { John Mason }	Henry Adams
1714	Samuel Jackson	Samuel Hancock	Robert Nicholson
1715	Sir John Fryer, Bart.	Alexander Cleeve	Joseph Webb
1716	Thomas Tayler	Joseph Pratt	John Donne
1717	John Kenton	Thomas Tidmarsh	Richard White
1718	Edward Trahern	Jacob Hasselborn	Jonas Durand
1719	Alexander Cleeve	John Lawrence	John Stile
1720	Joseph Pratt	Colonel John Shorey	John Elderton
1721	Thomas Tidmarsh	Henry Adams	William Eden
1722	Jacob Hasselborn	Robert Nicholson	William Ellwood
1723	John Lawrence	John Donne	Lawrence Child
1724	Henry Adams	Edward Mathews	Edward Leapidge
1725	Robert Nicholson	Richard White	John Newham
1726	Joseph Webb	Jonas Durand	Lawrence Dyer
1727	Alexander Cleeve	John Stile	Richard Warkman
1728	Edward Mathews	John Elderton	Lawrence Dyer
1729	Richard White	William Eden	Richard Grunwin
1730	John Stile	William Ellwood	Richard Franklyn
1731	John Elderton	{ William Ridgley } { John Newham }	{ Thomas Beckett } { Edward Grant }
1732	William Eden	William Cowley	James Spackman

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1733	William Ellwood	Nicholas Jackman	Thomas Scattergood
1734	William Cowley	Jonathan Cotton	Jabez Harris
1735	Nicholas Jackman	Robert Jupe	John Jones
1736	Jonathan Cotton	Henry Sewdley	Thomas Emmerton
1737	Robert Jupe	Timothy Fly	Samuel Ellis
1738	Henry Sewdley	Hellier Perchard	Joseph Lamb
1739	Timothy Fly	John Savage	John Tidmarsh
1740	Hellier Perchard	Edward Grant	James Wellford
1741	Edward Grant	James Spackman	Samuel Smith
1742	James Spackman	Thomas Cartwright	Richard Collier
1743	Thomas Cartwright	William Hulls	Thomas Ackland
1744	William Hulls	John Jones	Edward Quick
1745	John Jones	Richard King	William Newham
1746	Richard King	Bartholomew Shorey	Thomas Rhodes
1747	Bartholomew Shorey	Samuel Ellis	John Summers
1748	Samuel Ellis	Richard Spooner	Samuel Taylor
1749	Bartholomew Shorey	John Lawrence	Edward Bearsley
1750	William Clark	John Tidmarsh	John Jupe
1751	William Clark	Thomas Giffin	Mark Cripps
1752	John Tidmarsh	James Wellford	Robert Hitchman
1753	Thomas Giffin	Samuel Smith	John Leapidge
1754	James Wellford	Edward Quick	John Kenrick
1755	William Clark	John Langford	Henry Little
1756	Edward Quick	John Jones	James Allen
1757	{ John Langford } { Thomas Giffin }	Jonathan Cotton	Joseph Wingod
1758	John Jones	John Watts	Thomas Darling
1759	Jonathan Cotton	John Jupe	Nathaniel Meakin
1760	John Watts	Mark Cripps	Thomas Scattergood
1761	John Jupe	Robert Hitchman	Richard Norfolk
1762	Mark Cripps	John Leapidge	George Bacon
1763	John Leapidge	William Charsley	Jonas Durand
1764	William Charsley	Thomas Chamberlain	James Tisoe
1765	Thomas Chamberlain	James Allen	Richard Rooke

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1766	{ James Allen } { John Jones }	Joseph Wingod	Richard Pitt
1767	Joseph Wingod	{ Robert Parr } { Nathaniel Meakin }	John Clements
1768	Nathaniel Meakin	William Gyles	Edward Toms
1769	William Gyles	Francis Piggott	John Townsend
1770	Francis Piggott	Henry Joseph	John Ellis
1771	Henry Joseph	Robert Patience	John Home
1772	Robert Patience	{ Edward Quick } { William De Jersey }	Edward Yorke
1773	William De Jersey	Thomas Scattergood	John Perry
1774	Thomas Scattergood	John Tisoe	William Bampton
1775	Thomas Scattergood	Richard Norfolk	Henry Carpenter
1776	Richard Norfolk	Richard Rooke	William Fasson
1777	Richard Rooke	Thomas Cotton	Thomas Swanson
1778	Thomas Cotton	Thomas Burford	Robert Porteus
1779	Thomas Burford	John Watts	William Howard
1780	John Watts	Richard Pitt	John Vaughan
1781	Richard Pitt	Edward Toms	John Price
1782	John Clements	John Townsend	John Alderson
1783	Edward Toms	William Bampton	George Taylor
1784	John Townsend	Henry Carpenter	Samuel Carter
1785	William Bampton	William Fasson	Samuel Peacock
1786	Henry Carpenter	John Hitchins	George Smith
1787	William Fasson	John Wellford	John Floyd
1788	John Wellford	John Bailey	John Clark
1789	John Bailey	Ary Holman	Charles Smith
1790	Ary Holman	Robert Porteus	John Hinde
1791	Ary Holman	John Vaughan	John Hinde
1792	John Vaughan	Walter Mudge	Joseph Barber
1793	Walter Mudge	Samuel Carter	Edward Lockwood
1794	Samuel Carter	George Smith	Samuel Moxon
1795	George Smith	John Hinde	Robert Jackson
1796	John Hinde	Joseph Barber	Robert Piercy Hodge
1797	Joseph Barber	Edward Lockwood	James Spackman

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1798	Edward Lockwood	Samuel Moxon	Edward Dadley
1799	Samuel Moxon	John Appleton	Edward Dadley
1800	John Appleton	Robert Jackson	Robert Towers
1801	Robert Jackson	Robert Piercy Hodge	William Tovey
1802	Robert Piercy Hodge	Thomas Fasson	Thomas Ruffin
1803	Thomas Fasson	Edward Dadley	Thomas Ruffin
1804	Edward Dadley	Richard Joseph	John Blake
1805	Richard Joseph	Daniel Collins	John Blake
1806	Richard Joseph	Robert Towers	John Blake
1807	Robert Towers .	George Robinson	Fulcrand Mourgue
1808	George Robinson	Thomas Ruffin	Fulcrand Mourgue
1809	Henry Carpenter	John Hull	Thomas Phillips
1810	John Hull	Thomas Abbott	Thomas Phillips
1811	Thomas Abbott	Joseph Carter	George Cooper
1812	Joseph Carter	Isaac Smith	Philip Crellin
1813	Isaac Smith	Cornelius Swift	Andrew Burt
1814	Cornelius Swift	Benjamin Fasson	Randal Moring
1815	Benjamin Fasson	John Grange	Randal Moring
1816	{ John Grange Henry Carpenter }	Thomas Phillips	Richard Palmer
1817	Thomas Phillips	George Cooper	Richard Palmer
1818	Aquila Dackombe	Philip Crellin	John Hudson
1819	George Cooper	Randal Moring	Stephen Lucas
1820	Philip Crellin	Richard Palmer	Richard Mister
1821	Randal Moring	Sir George Alderson	George Daniell
1822	Richard Palmer	John Hudson	John Hull
1823	Sir Geo. Alderson, Knt.	Stephen Lucas	Daniel Spencer Feild
1824	John Hudson	Richard Hust	Thomas Davidson
1825	Stephen Lucas	Richard Mister	James Henry Pierce
1826	Richard Hust	George Daniell	John Wakefield
1827	Richard Mister	John Hull	John Blake
1828	George Daniell	Daniel Spencer Feild	Alexander Daniell
1829	John Hull	Thomas Davidson	Joseph Smith
1830	Daniel Spencer Feild	John Blake	John Seabrook

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1831	Thomas Davidson	John Foster	George Potter
1832	John Blake	Alexander Daniell	Philip Crellin, junr.
1833	John Foster	Joseph Smith	William Reeve
1834	Alexander Daniell	John Seabrook	Thomas Cooper
1835	Joseph Smith	Philip Crellin, junr.	Joseph Gratton
1836	John Seabrook	Thomas Cooper	William Dadley
1837	Philip Crellin, junr.	Joseph Gratton	John Mullins
1838	Thomas Cooper	{ William Dadley } { Joseph Gratton }	William Pridden
1839	Joseph Gratton	John Mullins	William Gardner Taylor
1840	John Mullins	William Pridden	William Henry Clark
1841	William Pridden	{ Richard Cooper } { William Gardner Taylor }	John Christian Wittick
1842	William Gardner Taylor	William Henry Clark	George Mullins
1843	William Henry Clark	John Christian Wittick	Horatio Nelson Crellin
1844	John Christian Wittick	George Mullins	Ebenezer Taylor
1845	George Mullins	Horatio Nelson Crellin	George Daniell
1846	Horatio Nelson Crellin	Ebenezer Taylor	George Cooper
1847	Ebenezer Taylor	Joseph Arden	Thomas Benjamin Way
1848	Joseph Arden	George Daniell	Richard Bagshaw
1849	George Daniell	Thomas Hull	Richard Edward Arden
1850	Thomas Hull	Thomas Benjamin Way	Charles Pridden
1851	Thomas Benjamin Way	Richard Edward Arden	William Henry Peek
1852	Richard Edward Arden	Charles Pridden	Daniel Collins
1853	Charles Pridden	William Henry Peek	Henry Priest
1854	William Henry Peek	Daniel Collins	George Yates
1855	Daniel Collins	Thomas Cooper	William Leigh
1856	Thomas Cooper	Henry Priest	Augustin King George
1857	Henry Priest	George Cooper	Philip Crellin, junr.
1858	George Cooper	George Yates	Willoughby Mullins
1859	George Yates	William King George	John Clark
1860	William King George	William Leigh	Samuel Grosse
1861	William Leigh	Augustin King George	Frederick George
1862	Augustin King George	Philip Crellin, junr.	John Rains

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1863	Philip Crellin, junr.	Willoughby Mullins	James Hamilton Town- end
1864	Willoughby Mullins	John Clark	{ Thomas Merry James Hamilton Town- end
1865	John Clark	Samuel Grosse	James John Milne
1866	Samuel Grosse	Frederick George	Robert James Hendrie
1867	Frederick George	John Rains	John Staples
1868	John Rains	James Hamilton Town- end	John Douglass Finney
1869	James Hamilton Town- end	Robert James Hendrie	James Ashley
1870	Robert James Hendrie	John Staples	George Bone
1871	John Staples	John Douglass Finney	Henry Blake
1872	John Douglass Finney	James Ashley	Charles White Leigh
1873	James Ashley	George Bone	Sidney Hodges
1874	{ George Bone } { James Ashley }	Henry Blake	Henry Staples
1875	Henry Blake	Charles White Leigh	Thomas Edward Way
1876	Alderman John Staples	William Algernon Syd- ney Hodges	Daniel George Collins
1877	William Algernon Syd- ney Hodges	Henry Staples	Charles Sawbridge
1878	Henry Staples	Thomas Edward Way	Alfred Cook
1879	Thomas Edward Way	Daniel George Collins	Thomas Townend
1880	Daniel George Collins	Charles Sawbridge	Arthur Powell Town- end
1881	{ Charles Sawbridge } { Thomas Benjamin Way }	Alfred Cook	Percy Arden
1882	Alfred Cook	Thomas Townend	Joseph William Smith
1883	Thomas Townend	Arthur Powell Townend	William Fitzgerald Pil- cher
1884	Arthur Powell Townend	Percy Arden	Joseph Collins
1885	Percy Arden	Joseph William Smith	Henry Drayson Pilcher
1886	Joseph William Smith	William Fitzgerald Pil- cher	John Francis Bontems
1887	William Fitzgerald Pil- cher	Joseph Collins	Horatio Nelson Crellin
1888	Percy Arden	Henry Drayson Pilcher	Arthur Rainbow Mullins

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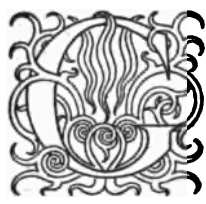
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1889	Henry Drayson Pilcher	Horatio Nelson Crellin Thomas Richard Pace
1890	Horatio Nelson Crellin	Arthur Rainbow Mullins Andrew Bowring
1891	Arthur Rainbow Mullins	Thomas Richard Pace Lawndey Richardson Lack
1892	Thomas Richard Pace	Andrew Bowring Thomas Albert Hull
1893	Andrew Bowring	Lawnday Richardson Henry Edward Tatham Lack
1894	Lawnday Richardson Lack	Thomas Albert Hull James Hamilton Townend
1895	Thomas Albert Hull	Henry Edward Tatham George Francis Way
1896	Thomas Edward Way	James Hamilton Townend Charles Hamilton Townend
1897	James Hamilton Townend	George Francis Way Thomas Reynolds Bone
1898	George Francis Way	Thomas Reynolds Bone Douglas Arden
1899	Thomas Reynolds Bone	Douglas Arden Lucas Collins
1900	Douglas Arden	Lucas Collins Frederick William Crellin
1901	Arthur Rainbow Mullins	Frederick William Crellin Edward Light
1902	Frederick William Crellin	Edward Light Alfred Bone



APPENDIX III.

Note on the comparative Value of Money.

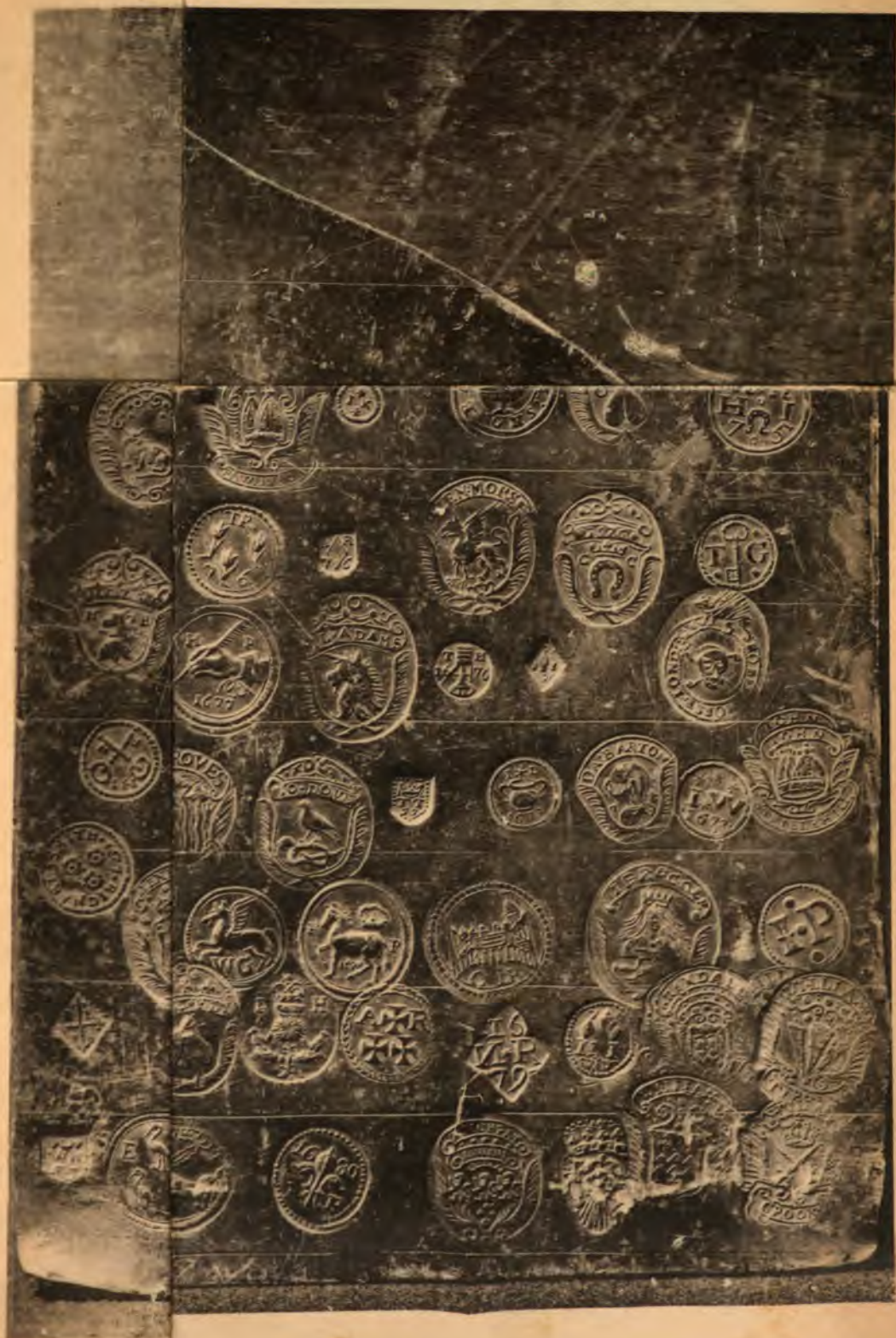
REATLY differing views are held by various writers upon this subject. The historian Hallam, in his *View of the State of Europe during the Middle Ages*, written in 1816, estimates any given sum under Henry III and Edward I (*i.e.*, during the thirteenth century) "as equivalent in general command over commodities to about twenty-four or twenty-five times their nominal value at present." In the reign of Henry VI (*i.e.*, nearly the middle of the fifteenth century) Hallam considers sixteen as a proper multiple. In the reign of Elizabeth the purchasing power of money may be put down, with fair probability, as about ten times greater than at the present day.

Note on Alderman Sir Thomas Curtis.

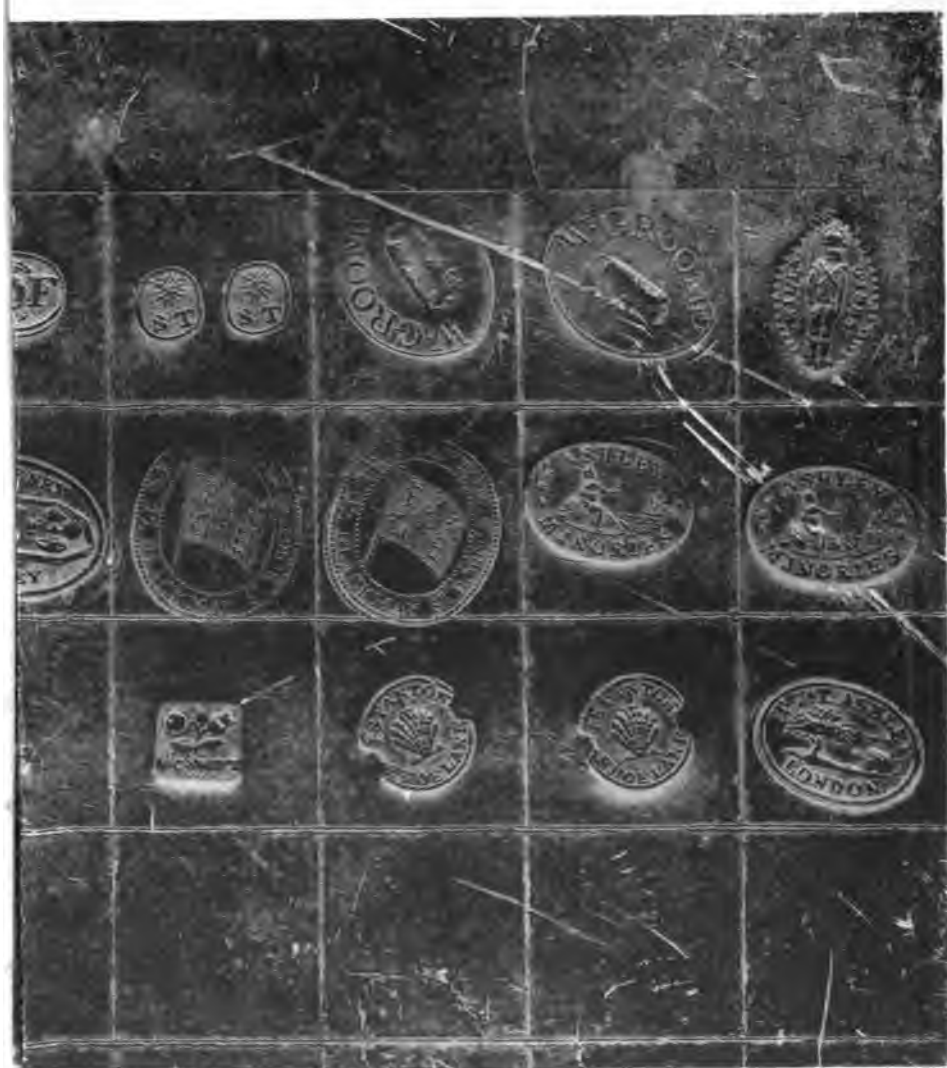
ALDERMAN CURTIS was the son of John Curtis, of Enfield, and served the usual City offices as Alderman of the Ward of Bishopsgate, Sheriff in 1546, and Lord Mayor in 1557-8. He was also a representative of the City in Parliament. On taking office as Lord Mayor he refused to be translated from the Pewterers, which was a minor Company, to one of the Twelve Great Companies. For his obstinacy he was fined one hundred marks by the Court of Aldermen, and committed to Newgate, none of the Pewterers being permitted to see him during his imprisonment. He afterwards consented to remove to the Fishmongers' Company. During his mayoralty he had the honour of entertaining at the Guildhall a large number of members of the Privy Council. He died in 1559, and was buried on 6th December in St. Dionis Backchurch.

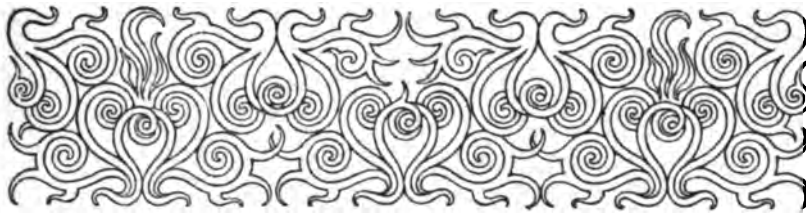












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